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that End, and drawn up the Names of the Repreſentatives, in the ſame Method as theſe here publiſh'd, throughout *England* and *Wales*) if Gentlemen, that ſerve in Parliament, would be pleas'd to give themſelves the Trouble (or depute others) to tranſmit me an Account of their reſpective Boroughs, out of their Archives; and I hope they will condeſcend thus far to promote ſo publick a Work; my chief Aim in which, is, to retrieve from Duſt and Oblivion, a Part of Learning ſo neceſſary to the underſtanding our Conſtitution, and to diſcover (what will be uſeful in Genealogies) the Time wherein the moſt conſiderable Families liv'd, that have diſtinguiſh'd themſelves, for Ages paſt, in their reſpective Counties. And I am proud, at the ſame Time, of an Opportunity of declaring publickly

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lickly my Obligations to your Lordſhip, and how much I am,

*My* LORD,

*Your Lordſhip's*

*Moſt humble Servant,*

**Browne Willis.**

TO THE

Right Honourable

# *WILLIAM,*

Viſcount *NEW-HAVEN,*

AND

Lord *CHETNE.*

*My* LORD,

THE following Papers are an Hiſtorical Account of *five* of our *Counties*, with their *Boroughs*, ſo far as they are concern'd in *Return-*

*ing* to our *Engliſh* Parliaments; and they, (beſides the Bent of my own Inclination) ſeem to determine me to aſk your LORDSHIP's Patronage.

The Name of CHEYNE occurs oftner in our Parliamentary Liſts, than any other whatſoever; and is remember'd with Eſteem, from the eminent Worth of the Perſons in the Houſes both of Lords and Commons. Your Lordſhip's Anceſtors, for many Generations, had a Title to the former, as Barons of *Langley* in *Hertfordſhire*, call'd anciently, from them, *Chenduits Langley*; (tho' from King *Edward* the IIId's acquiring that Manour now nam'd *Kings-Langley*) and near half our Counties have been repreſented in the latter by CHEYNES.

# The DEDICATION.

In theſe worthy Patriots, the four firſt Counties here treated of, have often rejoyc'd; and one of them (*viz. Buckinghamſhire*) continues ſtill happy in your Lordſhip, a ſurviving Branch of that Stock.

In the many Capacities your Lordſhip has acted, you have ever had the Satisfaction and Applauſe of diſcharging your Duty, both as Repreſentative and Lord-Lieutenant of that County, which will be always confeſs'd, by a conſtant Recourſe and Application of the moſt conſiderable Gentry thereof, in Matters of the greateſt Moment, who intirely confide in your Lordſhip's Judgment and Integrity, and are pleas'd to ſecond your zealous Endeavours and Concern to promote the Publick Intereſt, and are equally happy and delighted in your

your Lordſhip's Friendſhip and Aſſiſtance herein.

I might add your Lordſhip's reaſonable Pretence to this honourable Subordination, not only on Account of your Quality and Merit, but as being a Gentleman of as ancient a Deſcent, if not ancienter, than any in the County; which I might in ſome Meaſure evince from Inſcriptions in *Cheynes* and *Drayton-Beauchamp* Churches, of a far earlier Date than any other *Family can ſhew*: But this I hope (God willing) to addreſs to your Lordſhip in another Work, which I am proceeding in with all poſſible Induſtry and Diſpatch, as faſt as my Health and Leiſure will permit me; and ſhould be very little interrupted by this, (having furniſh'd my ſelf with a great Collection of Materials for

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# THE PREFACE.

WHAT is here offer'd to the Publick, being only by Way of *Specimen*, or Introduction to a larger Work, makes it neceſſary to give as ſhort an Account as the Subject will permit, of the Inducements I had thereto, and the Reaſons why I firſt ſend abroad ſo ſmall a Part, in Proportion to the Whole.

It is now little more than a Year and half ago, when, being in *London*, and applying my ſelf for the Returns of the Repreſentatives Names of *BUCKINGHAMSHIRE*, (the Antiquities of which County I have for ſome four or five Years laſt paſt been collecting) I found the Indentures at the *Rolls-Chapel* ſo very defective, that indeed ſcarce half of them are preſerv'd intire. This prompted me, in order to make them more perfect, to obtain

tain Leave to tranſcribe from the Office-Book, the Entry of the Names of the Members, in general, of all the Counties, Cities, and Boroughs in *England* and *Wales*, extracted from the reſpective Bundles, which I had, at that Time, no other Motive than Curioſity in collecting; hoping to ſupply, at my Leiſure, what was unhappily periſh'd, if I might poſſibly hereafter meet with perfect and authentick Liſts. And herein I have been ſo fortunate, by obtaining the Peruſal of ſeveral former Liſts, at the Office of the *Clerk of the Crown*, as well the Alterations of Returns, made on Account of Perſons Deaths, Removals by accepting Places, undue Elections, *&c.* which have interven'd from K. *James* the 2d's Time, to this preſent. That, with theſe Helps, and ſome few other Liſts ſoon after procur'd, I found I had got all the Parliaments in a great meaſure intire, from the firſt of *Edw.* 6, to this Time, (except that of the 12th of King *James* the 1ſt, which I alſo hope to meet with before I publiſh any more Counties.) Being therefore thus ſupply'd, and reducing all of them to the ſame Method here publiſh'd, thro' *England* and *Wales*; and having, in a ſecond Journey to *London*, run over thoſe Originals that are left in the *Rolls-Chapel*, I thought I might do no inconſiderable or unacceptable Service, to publiſh the Names of the Repreſentatives, from *Edward* the 6th's Time, to our Age. And this I firſt propos'd doing by Way of Supplement to *Prynn's Calendar of Parliamentary Writs*; but finding how ſcarce the fourth Volume

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was grown, and that it was difficult, if poſſible, to be procur'd; and being inform'd by my worthy Friend Mr. *George Holmes*, Deputy-Record-Keeper of the *Tower*, (whoſe Generoſity, Courteouſneſs, and ready Aſſiſtance in all my Searches there, I can't, without great Ingratitude, but acknowledge) that Mr. *Prynn* had been very defective; and that he had found divers Bundles, which he never ſaw; and ſhewing me where he had corrected him in ſeveral Places, and the Miſtakes he had made, in putting down Manucaptors, or Sureties, for the Members: This induc'd me to look into the moſt blind and imperfect Bundles; by tranſcribing half of which throughout, with great Pains, I have added, in the whole, above 1400 Returns which that Author has omitted; and in many Boroughs, which did not intermit ſending, have diſcover'd in each about fifteen Parliamentary Returns. To inſtance in the City of *Bath*, which he collected with more than ordinary Care, (as being Repreſentative thereof) I have ſupply'd no leſs than eighteen, beſides ſeveral Corrections throughout the whole; and diſcover'd forty Boroughs, which he either over-look'd, or had not the Sight of; and, laſtly, rectify'd ſome great Miſtakes in him, as his putting the 23d *Edward* 3, for the 33d *Edw.* 1. (there being no Parliament of *Edw.* 3 in that Year.) Which I do not here mention, to derogate from what that induſtrious Gentleman has written, ſince from him, and Dr. *Brady*, who are the only Authors that have treated on this Subject, it

is, that I ſhall, in ſeveral Places, take my Information to compleat this Work, which I intend, (if I find Encouragement to proceed in it,) to reduce into a general Survey of Parliamentary Matters, conſiſting of theſe following Heads.

I. *The Beginning of holding of Parliaments, by Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes; together with the Manner of electing them; and, at firſt, of each Member's finding two Mainucaptors for his Appearance; and when the Return was made by Indentures.*

II. *At what Places every Parliament and Great Council was ſummon'd, and where held in every Reign; how long it ſate; the Writts of Expences for the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes Wages; and the Number of Days allow'd the Members, in going to, and returning from Parliaments and Great Councils, at the Places where they were uſually held.*

III. *The Arbitrarineſs of Sheriffs, in compelling ſome Boroughs to ſend Repreſentatives, and excuſing others frequently at their Pleaſure. The Original of Boroughs, and when they were firſt erected; or, if they were ſuch at the Conqueſt, how long they continu'd to ſend, and when exempted. What Boroughs ſent heretofore, and are now diſus'd; and, in general, what Towns occur, or have occurr'd, by the Names of Boroughs, tho' they never ſent Burgeſſes to Parliament. With the Number of Pariſhes, Market-Towns, Monaſteries, and* Roman *Colonies, ſituate in every County: Alſo what Places are incor-*

*incorporated. With the Hiſtory of the preſent Parliamentary Boroughs, their Antiquities, Lords, Owners,* &c. *from the* Conqueſt. *With a Deſcription of the Buildings of the ſaid Towns; together with their Churches, to what Saints dedicated, Monaſteries,* &c. *and how govern'd. Who is the Returning Officer. What Titles deriv'd from each City, Borough, and County, to Nobility. With a Liſt of the* Speakers, *ſhewing what Counties they have been Knights of before* Edward *the 6th's Time; and for what County, City, or Borough, every one has been choſen ſince. And alſo interſperſing the whole with Charters, Writts of Summons of Parliament, Writts of Expences for the Members Wages, Indentures,* &c.

But this Work (being, as I ſaid before, what I ſo lately entertain'd Thoughts of) requiring conſiderable Application to be more perfectly acquainted with ſome Things neceſſary to it, I thought it adviſable, before I proceeded farther, to ſubmit to the Publick this ſmall Volume, the greateſt Part of which I hurry'd to the Preſs leſs correct than I could have wiſh'd it; for ſince I ſent the firſt Sheets thither, I deſign'd, 'till within this Month only, to publiſh the three Counties belonging to the Letter B; but finding the Volume too ſmall, I have added the two next Counties in the Alphabet, *viz. Cambridge* and *Cheſhire*, and had gone to the End of the Letter D in this firſt Part, for the Sake of including my Native County of *Dorſet*, but that I wanted a more particular Account of

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ſome Towns, which I ſhould be willing to make as perfect in all Reſpects, as theſe here publiſh'd; and which I hope, by ſending them abroad, to prevail upon Gentlemen to furniſh me with; for to deal ingeniouſly, it is a Taſk too difficult and expenſive to be proſecuted without theſe Helps, and muſt be entirely dropt, unleſs the World will be contented to receive little more than bare Liſts of the Repreſentatives, which I have already compleated. Wherefore, if Gentlemen will be pleas'd to tranſmit to the Furtherance of this Deſign, what is remarkable of any City or Borough, to the Author, (at his Houſe near *Fenny-Stratford* in *Buckinghamſhire*) the ſame ſhall be faithfully inſerted, and publickly acknowledg'd; and ſince the ordinary Controverſies, are, when each Borough firſt ſent Members to Parliament, I ſhall exhibit a brief Catalogue of Boroughs, which I ſhall diſtinguiſh under theſe four Heads, or Diviſions, *viz.*

1. *Thoſe Cities and Boroughs that have for the moſt Part continu'd ſending of Burgeſſes to* Edw. *the 6th's Time, or did ſend at all in* Hen. *the 8th's Reign.*

2. *Thoſe which, after having ſent anciently ſome few Times, were diſcontinu'd 'till then, or were afterwards reviv'd; and under this Head likewiſe I ſhall comprehend thoſe created ſince, and ſo include the remaining Part of our Parliamentary Boroughs in theſe two Catalogues.*

3. *Thoſe Boroughs which formerly ſent Burgeſſes, and are now diſus'd, having never been reviv'd.*

4. *Thoſe*

4. *Thoſe other Towns which I have met with in ancient Records and Hiſtories, denominated Boroughs, tho' they never were Parliamentary.*

As to the firſt, tho' the Returns are all loſt from the 17th of *Edw.* 4. to the 1ſt of *Edw.* 6. except an imperfect Bundle of the 33d of *Hen.* 8. (which Dr. *Brady* calls illegible, though I have overcome that Difficulty) I have ſeen two authentick Liſts, containing the Names of the Cities and Boroughs that ſent to Parliament, wrote in the Hand of the Time, one *Anno* 3, and another *Anno* 14 *Hen.* 8. beſides the Examination of the aforeſaid 33 *Hen.* 8. the laſt Parliament that Prince call'd; which confirms me in this Conjecture, *That before* Edw. *the 6th's Time, there were not* ~~*above*~~ 130 *Cities and Boroughs that return'd to any of his Parliaments*, or indeed to any Parliament, in any preceding Reigns, as may be ſeen by comparing theſe Liſts, wherein I have endeavour'd to aſcertain the Dates of the firſt Return of every Borough that ſent ſince *Edw.* the 1ſt's Time; in which, if I am any Ways miſtaken, I ſhall be glad to be otherwiſe inform'd; tho' my diligent Examination of Liſts, induces me to believe, that I have not err'd much, being well aſſur'd, that the Increaſe of our Repreſentatives, by reviving or new creating Boroughs, was after K. *Hen.* the 8th's Reign, and that *Weſtminſter*, *Peterborough*, &c. were never repreſented in the Houſe of Commons, 'till *Edw.* the 6th's Time; or *Litchfield*, *St. Albans*, &c. reſtor'd in *Hen.* the 8th's laſt Parlia-

Parliament; for, beſides the *Welſh* Boroughs and *Monmouth* and *Calice*, which that King created in the 27th Year of his Reign, I find no other new returning Borough all his Reign except *Buckingham*, *Berwick*, and *Orford*; for tho' this Prince created *Cheſter* County and City to have Knights and Citizens, yet I cannot find, that the ſaid County and City ſent any Repreſentatives 'till *Edw.* the 6th's Time. From whence I may infer, that the only returning Boroughs in the Year 1546, were theſe following 126, the Time of whoſe firſt Inſtitution is here particulariz'd, wherein their Exerciſe of this Liberty appears to be later than King *Edw.* the 1ſt's Reign, and ſet down for the Reader's Peruſal; as is alſo the Time when the others in the ſecond Catalogue firſt ſent, and how often, before they were altogether eſtabliſh'd: By which it will appear that the Legiſlature, after the Middle of King *Edward* the 3d's Reign, for the moſt Part conſiſted of a conſtant Number of Boroughs; and that after the firſt Summons from *Edw.* the 1ſt's Reign, to *Edw.* the 6th's Time, in the Space of above 250 Years, not thirty new Boroughs were created, or at leaſt laid Claim to this Privilege.

Co. *Bedford.* *Bedford.*

Co. *Berks.* *Windſor.* This Borough intermitted oftentimes ſending, and from the 14th of *Edw.* 3, to the 25th of *Hen.* 6, made no Return at all.

*Reading.*
*Wallingford.*

Co.

Co. *Bucks.* *Buckingham.* This Town ſent *Anno* 11 *Ed.* 3. to a Council in Reſpect to Trade, when only the chief Trading-Towns receiv'd Summons, no Knights of Shires being conven'd to this Council; and *Anno* 27 of the ſaid King, it had a ſecond Summons upon the like Account, but it made no Return, and never ſent Burgeſſes to Parliament, before the 36th of *Hen.* 8.

*Chipping-Wycombe.*

Co. *Cambridge.* *Cambridge.*

Co. *Cornwall.* *Lanceſton,* alias *Dunbeved,*
*Leſkard,*
*Loſtwithiel,*
*Truro,*
*Bodmin,*
*Helſton.*

Co. *Cumberla.* *Carliſle* City.

Co. *Derby.* *Derby.*

Co. *Devon.* *Exeter* City,
*Totnes,*
*Plimouth,* (alias *Sutton,* though this return'd only ſix times before 20 *Hen.* 6.)
*Barnſtaple,*
*Plimpton,*
*Taviſtock,*
*Dartmouth.* This Borough return'd but twice before 24 *Edw.* 3.

Co. *Dorſet.* *Pool.* This never return'd but thrice, *viz.* 14, 36, and 42 *Edw.* 3. before 31 *Hen.* 6.
*Dorcheſter,*
*Lyme-Regis,*
*Weymouth.* This return'd firſt

*Anno* 12 *Edw.* 2.

*Melcomb.* (Tho' this was a Borough, and receiv'd Writts of Summons *Anno* 33 & 34 *Edw.* 1. yet the Bailiffs made no Return before 8 *Edw.* 2.)

*Bridport,*
*Shaftsbury,*
*Warham.*

Co. *Essex.* *Colchester,*
*Malden.* The first Return of this Place, is *Anno* 2 *Edw.* 3.

Co. *Glouceſter.* *Glouceſter.*

Co. *Hereford.* *Hereford* City,
*Lempſter.*

Co. *Huntingd.* *Huntingdon.*

Co. *Kent.* *Canterbury* City,
*Rocheſter* City.

Co. *Leiceſter.* *Leiceſter.*

Co. *Lincoln.* *Lincoln* City,
*Grimſby,*
*Stamford.* This return'd but twice after *Edw.* the 1ſt's Time, before *Edw.* the 4th's Reign, who incorporated it *Anno Regni* 1.

*Grantham.* This ſent to a Council *Anno* 11 *Edw.* 3. but was not made a Parliamentary Borough, 'till *Edw.* the 4th's Reign.

Co. *Middleſex.* *London* City.

Co. *Monmouth.* *Monmouth.* This firſt ſent *Anno* 27 *Hen.* 8.

Co. *Norfolk.* *Norwich* City,
*Lynn,*
*Yarmouth.*

Co. *Northton.* *Northampton.*

Co. *Northumb.* *Newcaſtle upon Tyne,*
*Berwick.*

*Berwick.* This ſent *Anno* 3 *Hen.* 8. being, as I conceive, ſummon'd to the *Engliſh* Parliament at the latter End of *Edw.* the 4th's Reign, it having then great Privileges granted it.

Co. *Nottingh.* *Nottingham.*

Co. *Oxford.* *Oxford* City.

Co. *Salop.* *Shrewſbury,*
*Bridgnorth,*
*Ludlow.* This never ſent 'till *Edw.* the 4th's Time.
*Wenlock.* This did not ſend 'till *Edw.* the 4th's Time, when it was imprivileg'd by Charter, in which is a Clauſe requiring one Burgeſs to be ſent to Parliament from hence; which is the firſt Mention of any ſuch Preſident in any Borough-Charter. How this Borough came to ſend two Burgeſſes, I have not ſeen, tho' it is plain it did in *Hen.* the 8th's Time.

Co. *Somerſet.* *Briſtol.* (Tho' this City rather ſhould belong to *Glouceſterſhire*; for before it was made a County of it ſelf *Anno* 47 *Edw.* 3. it receiv'd its Precept from the Sheriff of *Glouceſterſhire*, and return'd as Part of that County; in which all, except three or four of its Pariſhes, more properly lie.)
*Bath* City,
*Wells* City,
*Taunton,*
*Bridgwater.*

Co. *Southton.* *Winchester,*
*Southampton,*
*Portſmouth.*

Co. *Stafford.* *Stafford,*

*Newcaſte under Line.* The firſt Return for this Place, is *Anno* 28 *Edw.* 3.

Co. *Suffolk.* *Ipſwich,*
*Dunwich,*
*Oxford.* This Place return'd only thrice in *Edw.* the 1ſt's Time; ſince when, I find *Anno* 3 *Hen.* 8. it alſo return'd, being probably reſtor'd by *Ric.* 3. who, in the firſt Year of his Reign, by Charter, granted great Privileges to it.

Co. *Surry.* *Southwark,*
*Bletchingley,*
*Ryegate,*
*Guildford,*
*Gatton.* This Place was made a Borough by *Hen.* 6. and has continu'd returning ever ſince the 29th of his Reign, notwithſtanding in the Indenture I have ſeen in the *Rolls-Chapel*, *Anno* 33 *Hen.* 8. there is ſpecify'd to be only one Inhabitant in the ſaid Borough.

Co. *Suſſex.* *Chicheſter* City,
*Horſham,*
*Midhurſt.* This firſt ſent *Anno* 4 *Edw.* 2.
*Lewes,*
*New Shoreham,*
*Brembre,*
*Steyning.* This Place firſt ſent *Anno* 4 *Edw.* 2. tho' both *Brembre* and *Steyning* ſeem to have return'd alternately, or ſent conjunctively one Burgeſs for each Place; but their returning before 31 *Hen.* 6. was often interrupted.

*Eaſt*

*East Grinſtead.* This Town firſt return'd *Anno* 1 *Edw.* 2.

*Arundel.*

Co. *Warwick.* *Coventry.* This return'd only four times after 34 *Edw.* 1. before 31 *Hen.* 6.

*Warwick.*

Co. *Weſtmerl.* *Appleby.*

Co. *Wilts.* *New Sarum* City,

*Wilton,*

*Downton.* This often intermitted ſending before 20 *Hen.* 6. as did ſome of the other *Wiltſhire* Boroughs.

*Hindon,*
*Heyteſbury,*
*Weſtbury,*
*Wotton Baſſet,*
} Theſe were all made Boroughs by *Hen.* 6. and firſt ſent about the 25 Year of his Reign.

*Calne,*

*Deviſes,*

*Chippenham,*

*Malmſbury,*

*Cricklade,*

*Great Bedwin,*

*Ludgerſhall,*

*Old Sarum,*

*Marlborough.*

Co. *Worceſter.* *Worceſter* City.

Co. *York,* *York* City,

*Kingſton upon Hull.* This ſent only once before 12 *Edw.* 2.

*Scarborough.*

As to the *Cinque-Ports,* which are put down eight, *viz. Haſtings, Dover, Sandwich, Hyeth, New Romney, Rye, Winchelſea,* and *Seaford,* tho' only the five firſt are properly ſo, they

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ſent for the moſt Part regularly after 42 *Edw.* 3. except *Seaford*, which ſee in the ſecond Catalogue.

As to *Wales*, *Prynn* tells us of two Precepts extant in the *Clauſe-Rolls Anno* 15 & 20 *Edw.* 2. whereby 48 Members were demanded thence; which were elected and return'd for its Counties and Boroughs. Of theſe, I ſaw one Return, tho' much obliterated, the Execution of which is made by the Juſtice of *North Wales*; who, as he was requir'd, ſent up accordingly 24 Members, *viz.* two for every Town, three of which, *viz.* *Caernarvon*, *Beaumaris*, and *Conway*, I could only make out the Names of their Members; and what other Places ſent, I could not diſcover, except that I judg'd the County of *Merioneth* ſent four and *Angleſea* two. This might probably be the Scheme that was follow'd *Anno* 27 *Hen.* 8. when that King imprivileg'd *Wales* to ſend half as many, *viz.* 12 Knights and 12 Burgeſſes for its Counties and Shire-Towns; four of which he at the ſame Time conſtituted Shires, *viz.* *Denbigh*, *Montgomery*, *Radnor*, and *Brecknock*, taking them out of the Marches of *Wales*, as he did *Monmouth*; the Names of which Shire-Towns, that return the ſaid 12 Burgeſſes, are theſe:

Co. *Angleſea*. *Beaumaris*.
Co. *Brecknock*. *Brecknock*,
Co. *Cardigan*. *Cardigan*.
Co. *Caernarv*. *Caernarvon*.
Co. *Carmarth*. *Carmarthen*.
Co. *Denbigh*. *Denbigh*.

&c.

Co. *Flint.* *Flint.*
Co. *Glamorg.* *Caerdiff.*
Co. *Montgom.* *Montgomery.*
Co. *Pembroke.* *Pembroke,*
*Haverford West.* This was appointed a Borough, in regard that no Burgeſs was ſent for any Town in *Merionethſhire.*
Co. *Radnor.* *Radnor.*

But inſtead of the firſt and laſt of theſe places, I have ſeen the Burgeſs return'd for other Towns, as *Anno* 33 *Hen.* 8, and 1 & 6 *Edw.* 6, the Burgeſs was return'd for *Newborough*, and not for *Beaumaris*, where it ſeems the Shire-Town was ſettled for *Angleſey*, by *Hen.* 8; and from thence remov'd to *Beaumaris*, *Anno* 1 *Mariæ*; as *New Radnor* has been to *Preſteigne*, which elected and return'd the Burgeſs to Parliament, *Anno* 2 & 3 *Phil.* & *Mar.* and not *New Radnor.*

By what is above recited, it appears, of what Number of Boroughs our Parliament conſiſted before 1 *Edw.* 6. I come now to the ſecond Thing propos'd, *viz.* The remaining part of our Cities and Boroughs, which were either reviv'd, or new created after *Edward* the 6th's Time.

Co. *Berks.* *Abingdon.* This, as a Town of great Trade, ſent once, upon a peremptory Summons, to a Council, *Anno* 11 *Edw.* 3, tho' it never was made a Borough, 'till by Charter, *Anno* 3 & 4 *Phil.* & *Mar.* when it was allow'd to have one Burgeſs in Parliament.

Co.

Co. *Bucks.* *Aileſbury.* This was made a Borough by Charter, *Anno* 1 *Mar.* and then impower'd to return Members.

*Agmondeſham,*
*Wendover,*
*Great Marlow.*

Theſe Boroughs having ſent, the 1ſt five times, the 2d thrice, the laſt ſix times, before 3 *Ed.* 2, were, after four hundred Years Diſcontinuance, reſtor'd by Petition, *Anno* 21, *Jac.* 1.

Co. *Cambr.* Univerſity of *Cambridge.* King *James* the firſt, in the firſt Year of his Reign, granted this Univerſity a Privilege of having Burgeſſes in Parliament.

Co. *Cornwall.* *Saltaſh.* The firſt Return for Burgeſſes that this Borough made, is in *Edw.* the 6th's Time; tho' it was created a Borough by *Reginald de Valletort,* Lord thereof, who dy'd *Anno* 30 *Hen.* 3.

*Camelford.* This occurs by the Title of Borough in a Patent *Anno* 2 *Edw.* 4. but it never had Burgeſſes in Parliament 'till *Edward* the 6th's Time.

*Portpigham,* alias, *Weſtloe.* This I find a Borough as early as I do alſo

*Grampound;* tho' neither of them had Burgeſſes before *Edward* the 6th's Time.

*Eaſtloe.* This, as a Port, ſent *Anno* 14 *Edw.* 3, in Conjunction with *Fowey,* a Ship-Owner, or Merchant, to a Council about Maritime Affairs; but never had Repreſentatives in Parliament 'till 13 *Eliz.* at which Time *Fowey,* as well as this Place, returning Burgeſſes, were queſtion'd, and En-

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quiries made concerning the Validity of their Charters; by which it ſeems as if they were both incorporated, and ſo privileg'd at that Time.

*Penryn.* The firſt Return of this Borough, is *Anno* 1 *Mar.* tho' it is call'd a Borough *Anno* 3 *Hen.* 7. in a Patent.

*Tregoney.* This ſent *Anno* 23 & 35 *Edw.* 1. and is the only *Corniſh* Borough, except the ſix firſt, *viz. Lanceſton, Leſkard, Loſtwithiel, Truro, Bodmin,* and *Helſton,* that ever ſent before *Edw.* the 6th's Time. However, except thoſe two Times above-mention'd, it never had Burgeſſes in Parliament before 1 *Eliz.*

*Boſſiney,* alias *Trevena,* alias *Tintagel,* by which laſt Name it is only diſtinguiſh'd in *Cornwall.* Tho' this was created a Borough by *Richard* Earl of *Cornwall,* who impriviledg'd *Lanceſton, Leſkard, Loſtwithiel,* &c. yet it never had Burgeſſes in Parliament 'till *Edw.* the 6th's Time.

*St. Ives.* The firſt Return of Burgeſſes for this Borough, is in the laſt Parliament of *Philip* and *Mary.*

*Fowey.* That this, as a Port, ſent once in Conjunction with *Lowe,* and was made a Parliamentary Borough *Anno* 13 *Eliz.* has been before ſaid in *Eaſtloe.*

*St. Germains.* The firſt Return of Burgeſſes for this Borough, is *Anno* 5 *Eliz.* who, I preſume, by Letters Patent, created this and *St. Maws* Boroughs. The Indenture was then executed by a Mayor; tho' in the

next, and all other Returns, by a Portreve. By what Means this, and other *Corniſh* Towns, were endow'd with this Privilege, I cannot account, unleſs it was by Letters Patent from the Crown.

*St. Michael.* I find Burgeſſes ſent up for the *Ville* of *Mychel* in *Edw.* the 6th's laſt Parliament, as I do at the ſame Time for *Newport*, call'd by the Inhabitants *St. Stephens*, which in the Indenture is ſtil'd *Villa Dounheved*, alias *Newport*; and in the next Return, *Anno* 1 *Mar. Dunheved*, and in others *Newport, juxta Lanceſton.*

*St. Maws.* This Place ſent Burgeſſes *Anno* 5 *Eliz.* who being queſtion'd, it was agreed they ſhould reſort to the Houſe, and ſhew their Letters Patent why they be return'd; which was alſo requir'd of the Burgeſſes of *St. Fermyns*, as the Commons Journal ſhews.

*Kellington.* All I find of this Borough, is, that its firſt Return was *Anno* 27 *Eliz.*

Co. *Cumberla. Cockermouth.* This Borough ſent two Burgeſſes *Anno* 23 *Edw.* 1. ſince when it was reviv'd *Anno* 1640, 16 *Car.* 1. at which Time

Co. *Devon.* *Okehampton*, *Honiton*, *Aſhburton*, } Foraſmuch as they had ſent twice apeice anciently to two Parliaments, were reſtor'd to the ſame Privilege.

*Bereallton*, (call'd ſo corruptly from the Family of *Alenſon* in *France*, and from the *Ferrers*, ſometime Lords thereof, *Bere Ferrers*)

*Ferrers)* never ſent to Parliament before 27 *Eliz.*

*Tiverton.* This Town never ſent Burgeſſes to Parliament (tho' it anciently occurs by the Name of Borough, *viz. Pat.* 2 *Ric.* 2.) 'till King *James* the 1ſt's Time, who, I preſume, granted it that Privilege when he incorporated it *Anno Regni* 13.

Co. *Dorſet.* *Corffe-Caſtle.* This never return'd Burgeſſes before 14 *Eliz.* about which Time, upon that Queen's Grant of it to *Chriſtopher Hatton*, it was no doubt created a Borough.

Co. *Durham.* This County and City, *Anno* 25 *Cha.* 2. were, during the Vacancy of the Biſhoprick, firſt enabled to have Knights and Burgeſſes in Parliament.

Co. *Eſſex.* *Harwich.* This Borough having made one Return *Anno* 17 *Edw.* 3. was, by the Means of Sir *Edward Cook*, Kt. *Anno* 2 *Jac.* 1. imprivileg'd by that King to ſend Members to Parliament.

Co. *Glouceſter.* *Cirenceſter.* Though this, as a Place of great Trade *Anno* 11 *Edw.* 3. ſent Repreſentatives to a great Council, yet it never return'd to a Parliament 'till 13 *Eliz.*

*Tewxbury.* This Town, notwithſtanding it was an ancient Borough, was firſt privileg'd by King *James* 1 by Charter *Anno Regni* 7, to have Burgeſſes in Parliament.

Co. *Hereford.* *Weobley.* This Borough having ſent to all King *Edw.* the 1ſt's Parliaments, that other Boroughs ſent to, except

the laſt, was reſtor'd by Vote of the Houſe of Commons *Anno* 15 *Car.* 1.

Co. *Hertford. St. Albans.* This Borough having made eleven Returns in the Reigns of *Edw.* 1, 2, and 3, the laſt of which was *Anno* 11 *Edw.* 3. was reſtor'd by King *Edw.* 6. in the laſt Year of his Reign.

*Hertford.* This Borough having made 20 Returns in the Reigns that *St. Albans* did, and ceaſing *Anno* 50 *Edw.* 3. was reſtor'd about 21 *Jac.* 1. as may be ſeen in Sir *Hen. Chauncy*'s excellent *Hiſt. of the Antiq. of* Hertfordſhire. As for the three Returns which *Prynn*, and Sir *Hen. Chauncy*, by tranſcribing from him, has added to this Borough after the aforeſaid 50 *Edw.* 3. *viz.* 10 *Ric.* 2. 5 and 7 *Hen.* 5, they belong to the County of *Hertford*, and are the Names of the Knights of *Hertfordſhire*, elected in thoſe Parliaments, as may be ſeen in both theſe Authors, who, by Miſtake, have put the ſame Members down both to the County and Town of *Hertford.*

Co. *Kent. Maidſtone.* This Town was created a Borough by King *Edw.* 6. who incorporated it *Anno Regni* 6. in which Year it ſent Burgeſſes to Parliament; but becauſe it was about a Year after engag'd in the Rebellion of Sir *Tho. Wiat*, (to whom King *Edw* 6. gave this Manour, when he took it from the See of *Canterbury*) it loſt all its Privileges, 'till Queen *Elizabeth*, *Anno Regni* 2. reſtor'd the ſame.

*Queenborough.* Tho' this Town was made a Borough, and incorporated by *Edw.* 3. who built here a Caſtle for his Queen,

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from whence it receiv'd its Name; its firſt Return of Burgeſſes was *Anno* 13 *Eliz.*

Co. *Lancaſter. Preſton* in *Amunderneſs*, *Lancaſter.*

Theſe Boroughs having ſent eight times, and the other, *viz. Lancaſter*, eleven times, both intermitted after the 4th of *Edw.* 3. all the Boroughs in this County being excus'd frequently by the Sheriff, at the latter End of this, and in ſucceeding Reigns, by Reaſon of their Poverty, and ſo continu'd 'till the 1ſt of *Edw.* 6.

*Newton.* The firſt Burgeſſes for this Place, were *Anno* 1 *Eliz.* at which Time they were nominated by the Steward of the Lord of the Barony of *Newton*, which is of large Extent.

*Wigan.* This Borough, and *Leverpool*, ſent *Anno* 23 & 35 *Edw.* 1. after which they made no Return, before 1 *Edw.* 6.

*Clitheroe.* The firſt Return of this Borough, is *Anno* 1 *Eliz.*

Co. *Lincoln. Boſton.* This Town ſent to three Councils in *Edward* the 3d's Time; yet it never had Burgeſſes in Parliament, before the 1ſt of Queen *Mary*, or laſt of *Edw.* 6.

Co. *Middleſ. Weſtminſter.* This City was never repreſented in Parliament 'till *Edward* the 6th's Time.

Co. *Norfolk. Thetford.* The firſt Return for this Borough was likewiſe *Anno* 1 *Edw.* 6.

*Caſtle-Riſing.* I find this Place never ſent 'till Queen *Mary*'s laſt Parliament.

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Co. *Northamp. Peterborough.* This City never sent before 1 *Edw.* 6.

*Brackley.* Tho' this Town once sent to a Council, *Anno* 11 *Edw.* 3. yet it never sent to a Parliament before 1 *Edw.* 6. however, it is in *Dugdale's Baronage* entitled a Borough *temp. Hen.* 6.

*Higham-Ferrers.* This Place was made a Borough by Charter, *Anno* 2 & 3 *Phil. & Mar.* and then privileg'd to send one Burgess to Parliament.

Co. *Northumb. Morpeth.* In the *Rolls-Chapel*, I find *Anno* 1 *Mar.* here were two Burgesses elected by the Queen's Precept, and first sent to Parliament for this Borough; as is express'd in the Indenture.

Co. *Nottingh. East-Retford.* This, as appears by the *Clause-Rolls*, sent *Anno* 9 *Edw.* 2. since when it never return'd 'till 13 *Eliz.* when its Burgesses being question'd, it was order'd, that they should remain accordingly.

*Newark* upon *Trent.* Tho' this was an ancient Borough, yet it was never represented in Parliament, 'till *Car.* 2. *Anno Reg.* 29. upon the Account of the Loyalty of the Townsmen to his Father King *Charles the Martyr*, privileg'd it by Charter, to have Burgesses in Parliament; however, it being a Town of great Trade, sent formerly to a Council, *viz. Anno* 11 *Edw.* 3.

Co. *Oxford.* University of *Oxford.* King *James* the 1st, by Charter dated *Anno Reg.* 1, granted this University a Privilege of having Burgesses in Parliament.

*Woodstock.*

*Woodſtock.* This return'd *Anno* 30 & 33 *Edw.* 1. and afterwards only in the three firſt Parliaments of Queen *Mary*; ſince when, it intermitting in the four next ſucceeding, had Privileges granted it, *Anno* 8 *Eliz.* and has return'd ever ſince the 13th.

*Banbury.* This return'd to a Council *Anno* 11 *Edw.* 3. having been made a Market-Town by Charter, *temp. Hen.* 2. but was never a Borough, 'till Queen *Mary* incorporated it *Anno Reg.* 1, when ſhe enabled it to ſend one Burgeſs to Parliament.

Co. *Salop.* *Biſhops-Caſtle.* This Town having been alienated from the See of *Hereford*, and granted afterwards *Anno* 18 *Eliz.* to *Chriſtopher Hatton*; the firſt Lord *Hatton*, was, I preſume, then ſo privileg'd, its firſt Return of Burgeſſes, being *Anno* 27 of her Reign.

Co. *Somerſet.* *Minehead.* This Town being incorporated *Anno* 1 *Eliz.* had great Privileges granted it; amongſt which, no doubt, was that of ſending Burgeſſes to Parliament, it having, except the 12th of *James* 1. been repreſented ever ſince the 5th of *Elizabeth.*

*Ilcheſter.* This Borough having ſent conſtantly to the 34th of *Edw.* 3. made but one Return afterwards, 'till the latter End of *James* 1. when, *Anno* 18 of the ſaid Reign, it appearing this was an ancient Borough, a Writ was order'd to go to ſummon Burgeſſes for it by the Houſe of Commons, as it was in like Manner *Anno* 15 *Cha.* 1. for

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*Milburn-Port*, though that Bo
rough had made five Returns in *Edw.* th
1ſt's Time.

Co. *Southton. Yarmouth.* This Borough an
*Newport*, *Anno* 23 *Edw.* 1. return'd two Bur
geſſes in Conjunction, and in the 11th o
*Edw.* 3. Repreſentatives were ſent to a Coun
cil, *pro Villa parva Jernemuth*, (if by tha
Name is meant this Place.) However, th
firſt Return of its Burgeſſes, was *Anno* 2
*Eliz.*

*Petersfeild.* This Borough ha
ving return'd *Anno* 35 *Edw.* 1. diſcontinu'd
'till the laſt Parliament of *Edw.* 6.

*Newport*, alias *Medina.* This
Town being the Capital of the *Iſle of Wight*,
ſent in Conjunction with *Yarmouth*, as be
fore-mention'd, though except that Time,
there were never any Burgeſſes return'd out
of this Iſland before 27 *Eliz.*

*Stockbridge.* The firſt Return
of this Borough, is *Anno* 5 *Eliz.* who, I
preſume, then created it ſo by Letters Pa
tent.

*Newtown.* This Borough ly
ing in the *Iſle of Wight*, was never repre
ſented before 27 *Eliz.*

*Chriſt-Church.* Tho' this was an
ancient Borough, and as ſuch had two Pre
cepts iſſu'd to it *Anno* 35 *Edw.* 1. and 2 *Edw.*
2. yet it made no Return of Burgeſſes 'till
27 *Eliz.*

*Lymington.* Tho' this was a
Borough in *Edw.* the 3d's Time, yet it had no
Burgeſſes 'till 27 *Eliz.* which is alſo the firſt
Return of *Whitchurch*;

*Whitchurch*; in which Year likewise *Andover* was reſtor'd to this Privilege, which it had diſcontinu'd ever ſince 1 *Edw.* 2. to which Time it had made ſix Returns.

Co. *Stafford. Litchfeild.* This City having return'd ten times, *viz.* once in *Edw.* the 1ſt's Reign, five times in *Edw.* the 2d's, four times in *Edw.* the 3d's, the laſt Time of which was *Anno* 27, intermitted ſending 'till the laſt Parliament of *Edw.* 6.

*Tamworth.* This Borough, notwithſtanding what *Dugdale* ſays, never had Repreſentatives before the 5th of *Elizabeth*, when, and for ſome Time after, its Burgeſſes were differently return'd, one by the Sheriff of *Staffordſhire*, and the other by the Sheriff of *Warwickſhire.*

Co. *Suffolk. Aldborough.* The firſt Return of this Borough, is *Anno* 13 *Eliz.* I preſume it was made a Borough *Anno* 10 *Eliz.* when ſhe granted the Duke of *Norfolk* a *Saturday*-Market at this his Manour.

*Sudbury.* This was made a Mayor-Town by Charter *Anno* 1 & 2 *Phil.* & *Mar.* Queen *Elizabeth*, *Anno Regni* 1, confirm'd divers Privileges to it, among which, I preſume, was this of ſending Burgeſſes, the firſt Return of them being made that Year.

*Eye.* This Town, however anciently a Borough, never had Burgeſſes in Parliament before 13 *Eliz.*

*St. Edmundſbury.* This Borough made no Return, tho it had a Precept iſſu'd

to it 30 *Edw.* 1. except to a Council *Anno* 11 *Edw.* 3. before King *James* the 1st's Time, who made it a Parliamentary Borough by Charter, about the 12th Year of his Reign.

Co. *Surry*. *Haſlemere*. This Place never return'd before 27 *Eliz.*

Co. *Worceſter*. *Droitwich*. This Borough having return'd eight times anciently, diſcontinu'd ſending after 4 *Edw.* 2. 'till the 1st of *Phil & Mar.* when it had Privileges granted it; among which, I preſume, was the Liberty of having Burgeſſes in Parliament.

Co. *Worceſter*. *Eveſham*. This Borough ſent once to a Parliament *Anno* 23 *Edw.* 1. and afterwards to a Council *Anno* 11 *Edw.* 3. tho' it owes its preſent Privilege to King *James* 1. who, at the Requeſt of his Son *Henry*, Prince of *Wales*, *Anno Regni* 3, incorporated the ſame, as he did

*Bewdly*, *eodem Anno*, which he gave the Privilege of having one Burgeſs in Parliament, as he had done *Eveſham* to have two, which this Borough of *Bewdly* never had, tho' Mr. *Prynn*, by Miſtake, put it down ſo.

Co. *York*. *Knareſborough*. The firſt Return of this Place, is *Anno* 1 *Mar.* at which Time

*Rippon* was reſtor'd, tho' it had made three Returns anciently.

*Richmond*. This Borough, tho' it had a Summons *Anno* 2 *Edw.* 3. return'd no Burgeſſes before Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time, who incorporated it *Anno Regni* 19. Its firſt Return is *Anno* 27. for her Reign

*Heydon.* This Borough return'd only once *Anno* 23 *Edw.* 1. before *Edw.* the 6th's Time.

*Boroughbrig.* The firſt Return of this Place, is *Anno* 1 *Marie*

*Malton.* This Place having return'd twice in *Edw.* the 1ſt's Reign, was reſtor'd by Order of the long Parliament *Anno* 16 *Cha.* 1.

*Thirſk.* This Borough having return'd 23 *Edw.* 1. intermitted 'till the laſt of *Edw.* 6. when, on the Sheriff's Precept, it ſtill retaining the Name of a Borough, was again reviv'd, as ſeveral others were, as I preſume, at the ſame Time.

Co. *York.* *Aldborough.* Tho' this Place was incorporated *Anno* 2 *Edw.* 6. I have ſeen no Returns of Members for it before the laſt Parliament of Queen *Mary*.

*Beverley.* This Borough having return'd to ſix Parliaments in *Edw.* the 1ſt's Time, refus'd ſending, tho' it was twice ſummon'd in *Edw.* the 2d and 3d's Reigns, and made no more Elections 'till 5 *Eliz.*

*Northallerton.* This Borough having once return'd *Temp. Edw.* 1. was reſtor'd by Votes of the Houſe of Commons, when *Malton* was.

*Pontfract.* This Borough having return'd *Anno* 23 and 26 *Edw.* 1. and to a Council *Anno* 11 *Edw.* 3. never ſent again 'till 19 *Jac.* 1. who by Letters Patent, dated *March* 30, reſtor'd it.

Cinque-Ports. *Seaford.* This Place having return'd twice Repreſentatives in *Edw.* the

1ſt's Reign, and as often in *Edw.* the 2d's, once in *Edw.* the 3d's, thrice in *Ric.* the 2d's, and again *Anno* 1 *Hen.* 4. tho' never as a Port, but as an ordinary Borough in *Suſſex*, was reſtor'd *Anno* 15 *Cha.* 1. and has been ſince added to the Ports, on Account, it ſeems, of being reputed a Member of *Haſtings*, tho' in the Returns in the *Tower*, it is in no ways join'd to them.

Having thus run thro' all the preſent returning Boroughs, I beg Leave to entertain the Reader with a ſmall Account of the diſus'd ones mention'd in the third Head; which, if reſtor'd, would conſtitute a Parliament near half as big as the Repreſentative was of Boroughs before *Edw.* the 6th's Time, (and that ſeveral would have been reviv'd, I make no Doubt, had they foreſeen the Privilege the other reſtor'd Boroughs reap therefrom, or had their enjoying the ſame Title, been as well remember'd.) In treating of which, (tho' I deſign hereafter to publiſh the Names of the Burgeſſes included in each County, as begun in *Berks*) I ſhall here add the Number of Times they return'd to Parliaments and Councils.

Co. *Berks*. *Newbery*. This Borough once return'd to a Parliament, and another Time to a Council.

Co. *Cambr*. *Ely*. This City ſent once to a Parliament; and had a Precept iſſu'd to it a ſecond Time, tho' no Election was made on it.

Co.

Co. *Cornwall*. *Polurun*. This Port return'd nce a Perſon to a Council, to treat about aritime Affairs.

Co. *Cumberl*. *Egremond*. This Borough ſent nce Burgeſſes to Parliament.

Co. *Devon*. *Bradneſham*, *Crediton*, *Fremington*, *Modbury*, *South Moulton*. These Boroughs return'd once a-piece to a Parliament.

*Exmouth*, *Teignmouth*. These, as Ports, return'd once to a Council.

*Lidford*. This Borough re- rn'd to two Parliaments.

*Torrington*. This Borough ha- ing made thirty three Returns, procur'd a iſcharge, as others did.

Co. *Dorſet*. *Blandford*. This Borough re- rn'd to two Parliaments.

*Shirborne*. This Town return'd nce to a Council.

Co. *Eſſex*. *Chelmsford*. This Town alſo turn'd once to a Council.

Co. *Hereford*. *Bromyard*, *Lidbury*, *Ros*. These Boroughs return'd, the firſt and laſt once a-piece to Parliaments, and the other, *viz.* that of *Lidbury*, twice.

Co. *Hertford*. *Berkhamſted*, *Stortford*.

The firſt of theſe return'd once to a Coun- l, and a ſecond Time to a Parliament; and e other to eight Parliaments.

Co.

Co. *Kent.* *Tunbridge.* This Borough ſen once Burgeſſes to a Parliament.

Co. *Leiceſter.* *Melton-Mowbray.* This Tow likewiſe return'd once to a Council.

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| Co. *Linc.* | *Spalding,* | These Towns return |
| | *Wainfleet.* | once each to Cou ons, the laſt as a Por |
| Co. *Northum.* | *Bamburgh,* | These Boroughs r |
| | *Canebrig.* | turn'd once a-piece a Parliament. |
| Co. *Oxford.* | *Burford,* | |
| | *Dedington,* | |
| | *Chipping-Norton,* | |
| | *Whitney.* | |

Theſe Boroughs all return'd to Parliaments the 1ſt once, the 2d twice, the 3d thrice, an the 4th ſix times.

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| Co. *Somerſet.* | *Dunſter,* | Theſe Boroughs r |
| | *Stoke Curſy,* | turn'd once a-piece |
| | *Watchet.* | Parliaments. |
| | *Axbridge,* | The 1ſt of theſe r |
| | *Chard,* | turn'd five times, t |
| | *Langport,* | ſecond nine, the thir |
| | *Montacute,* | thrice, and the two o |
| | *Were.* | thers twice a-piece Parliaments. |
| Co. *Southamp.* | *Alresford,* | |
| | *Aulton,* | |
| | *Baſingſtoke,* | |
| | *Fareham,* | |
| | *Overton.* | |

Theſe Boroughs all return'd to Parliament as follows: *Alresford* four times, *Overton* four *Fareham* twice, *Baſingſtoke* thrice, *Aulton* once; beſides which, the two laſt had four Precepts a-piece iſſu'd to them, to which they made no Return. And to this County may be

ſubjoin'd

bjoin'd *Calice*, on Account of its belonging *Winchester* Dioceſe. This Town was, by *n.* 8, *Anno Reg.* 27, privileg'd to ſend a rgeſs to our *Engliſh* Parliaments, which it d the remaining part of his Reign, and all *ward* the 6th's; after which, in Queen *ary*'s Time, it ſent two; and ſo contiu'd do, 'till it was taken from the Crown of *gland*.

Co. *Surry*. *Farnham*,
*Kingſton* upon *Thames*.

Theſe Boroughs return'd, the firſt thrice, e ſecond four times to Parliaments.

Co. *Wilts*. *Bradford*,
*Mere*.

Theſe Boroughs return'd once a-piece to Parliament.

Co. *Worceſter*. *Brem*, or *Brom* (perhaps *Bromeſgrove*.)
*Duddelegh*,
*Kidderminſter*,
*Perſhore*.

Theſe Boroughs return'd all once a-piece a Parliament.

Co. *York*. *Jarvall*,
*Pickering*,
*Tickhill*,
*Ravenſer*.

Theſe Boroughs return'd alſo Burgeſſes to rliament; the three firſt once a-piece, and e laſt to three Parliaments, and one Coun-

*Doncaſter*,
*Whitby*.

Theſe

These Towns return'd once a-piece t
Council.

To these Boroughs above-mention'd, m
be added, they being ſummon'd as Borough
Co. *Bedford. Dunſtable.*
Co. *Somerſet. Glaſtenbury.*
Co. *Southamp. Odyham.*
Co. *Wilts. Worth*, i. e. *Hyworth.*
Tho' they never comply'd with the Sheri
Precept.

Which are all the Boroughs and Towns
have ever yet diſcover'd, that ſent Repr
ſentatives to Parliaments or Councils,
were demanded ſo to do; (except I ſhou
mention, that *Manchester*, *Leeds*, and *Halifa*
ſent to two or three of *Oliver*'s Parliament
tho' I have met with above this Number
Towns that are ſtil'd Boroughs, divers
which are diſtinguiſh'd ſo in their Charter
and others occur by that Name in Pate
Rolls, and other Records, as well as in ſe
veral printed Books extracted thence; as pa
ticularly *Dugdale's Baronage*, where the grea
eſt Part of them may be found ſo term'd
which, purſuant to my laſt Head, or Diviſion
concerning Boroughs, I here ſubjoin.

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| Co. *Berks.* | *Thatcham.* | | *Milbrook*, |
| Co. *Cheſt.* | *Altringham.* | | *Padſtow.* |
| | *Congleton*, | Co. *Devon.* | *Bidyford*, |
| | *Macclesfeild*, | | *Chadlington*, |
| | *Middlewich.* | | *Chalveley*, |
| Co. *Cornw.* | *Botreaux Caſtl.* | | *Cholmley*, |
| | *Croſthole*, | | *Cornworthy*, |
| | *Kilkhampton*, | | *Denbery*, |

*Ilfor*

*Ilford Combe*,
*Keneford*,
*Kingſbridge*,
*Milverton*,
*Newton-Abbas*,
*Pepelford*,
*Sampford Peverel.*
*Seal*,
*Twikebere*,
*Thalampton.*

Co. *Dorſet.* *Bere*,
*Winburnminſt*

Co. *Durha.* *Hartlepool*,
*Warnmouth.*

Co. *Eſſex.* *Bradfeild*,

Co. *Glouc.* *Aveney*,
St. *Brewalds*,
*Chipping Campden.*
*Cheltenham*,
*Frampton*,
*Chipping Sodbury*,
*Thornbury*,
*Wotton*,

Co. *Heref.* *Ewias Lacy*,
*Pembridge*,
*Wigmore.*

Co. *Hunt.* *Godmancheſt.*

Co. *Kent.* *Deal.*
*Rawleigh*,
*Thaxted.*

*Lambert*, in his Perambulation of this County, reckons near forty Places in the Lath of St. *Auguſtine*, under the Denomination of Boroughs, moſt of which being Villages, I pretermit them, by Reaſon the ſaid Author doth not account them ſo, in treating of them in the Body of his Book, ſeparate from his Catalogue, as I do ſeveral Corporations in this and other Counties, becauſe I have not met with them under the Stile of Boroughs.

Co. *Monmouth* *Abergevenny*,
*Caerleon*,
*Newport*,
*Uſke*,

Co. *Northton.* *Daventry,*
*Rothewell,*
Co. *Norfolk.* *Berdenay.*
Co. *Northumb.* *Alnmouth,*
*Alnwyk,*
*Harbottle.*
Co. *Salop.* *Clebury,*
*Lidham,*
*Oſwaldſtre,*
*Wortham,*
*Worthing.*
Co. *Somerſet.* *Somerton,*
*Wellington,*
*Wincaunton.*
Co. *Southamp.* *Portcheſter,*
*Rumſey,*
*Weſtover.*
Co. *Stafford.* *Betely,*
*Burton upon Trent,*
*Tutbury,*
*Walſall.*
Co. *Suffolk.* *Bungey,*
*Clare.*
Co. *Surry.* *Langhurſt.*
Co. *Suſſex.* *Pevenſey.*
Co. *Warwick.* *Birmingham,*
*Stratford upon Avon.*
Co. *Weſtmerl.* *Kendall.*
Co. *York.* *Leeds,*
*Skelton.*

And in *Wales* I have ſeen alſo in the Baronage, ſeveral Towns ſtil'd Boroughs, to the Number of near twenty; but foraſmuch as moſt of them are join'd in the Sheriffs Precept,

Precept, executed at the Shire-Town, for electing the *Welſh* Burgeſſes, I ſhall in this Place pretermit them.

By what is here touch'd upon, it appears how difficult it will be found to diſcover what conſtituted a Parliamentary Borough, and what any common titular Borough, eſpecially ſince before 8 *Edw.* 4, in the Charter of *Wenlock*, there is no expreſs Clauſe in any of our Records, for ſending Members to Parliament; by which it may be conceiv'd, that all Corporations or Boroughs, by Charter, had that Right virtually in them, if they had been deſirous to have exerted it; but as that Franchiſe was heretofore expenſive, they no doubt induſtriouſly declin'd it. And that theſe Boroughs here laſt preſented to the *Reader*, did never return, was owing, I preſume, to their being Boroughs of a newer Erection than the former; moſt of which were Boroughs before that Conſtitution of demanding Burgeſſes from them, took Place; which growing burthenſome, made the Generality of them, except great Cities and Shire-Towns, quit it, and entirely deſiſt from ſending after four or five Elections. And as for others which ſent oftner, they no doubt, as in the Caſe of *Torrington*, were releas'd by procuring Diſcharges; by which Means the Legiſlature was reduc'd only to a conſtant Number of Boroughs, as may be ſeen by Returns made from *Ric.* the 2d's Time, to *Edw.* the 6th's, and the greateſt Part of King *Edw.* the 3d's Reign.

Having thus given the Reader a general View of Boroughs, and an Account of what I would hereafter offer, God willing, (if this little Eſſay is approv'd) I will detain him no longer, than to obſerve the great Defect and Omiſſion of all our Hiſtorians, in treating of Burgeſſes in Parliament, and make ſome Apology concerning this Treatiſe.

To inſtance in theſe Overſights, and by whom committed, will be endleſs; the greateſt and moſt learned of our Antiquaries, having been faulty in this Particular; who, notwithſtanding they have fill'd their Volumes with Catalogues of Mayors, Town-Clerks, and other Aſſiſtants in Corporations, have altogether over-look'd the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes in Parliament; which is much to be lamented, conſidering, as Mr. *Prynn* obſerves, how uſeful theſe Names would be in Heraldry, the Knights of Shires having ever in all Counties been choſe out of the principal Gentry and Quality. And tho' the Citizens and Burgeſſes were heretofore elected out of their reſpective Communities, and were only the cheif and moſt eminent Merchants, *&c.* of their reſpective Bodies, yet in *Edw.* the 4th's Time, we may find a great many of them diſtinguiſh'd by Titles; and now a-days it is well known, that ſeveral of our beſt Quality repreſent them. Nay, ſo very deficient are all our Hiſtorians, that not one of them has furniſh'd us with the bare Names of our Parliamentary Boroughs, 'till of late,

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except *Hollinſhed*, and beſides the Liſt, *Anno* 43 *Eliz.* given us in *Townſend*'s Hiſtory of her four laſt Parliaments, none elſe are printed before King *Charles* the 1ſt's Time; and except *Wood*'s in his Antiquities of the Univerſity of *Oxford*, *Wright* of *Rutlandſhire*, and *Chauncy* of *Hertfordſhire*; no other Writer has thought it worth while to inform us who have repreſented any County, City, or Borough, but *Prynn* and *Brady* aforeſaid; from the former of which, it is ſtrange no Perſon, when done to his hands, to the 12th of *Edw.* 4. did not publiſh them before, *Wright* and *Chauncy*, tho' both thoſe Gentlemen, by depending too much on that Author, have been deficient, the firſt having omitted twenty five Returns, which I have diſcover'd, and the laſt upwards of fifty, which I do not inſtance, to leſſen the Eſteem which is juſtly due to the latter of thoſe learned Writers: For, as his frank Confeſſion takes off all Occaſion of cenſuring it; ſo his Book being in divers Reſpects, to be look'd upon as a Pattern to ſuch as ſhall attempt a Work of the like Nature, may well be excus'd in this Particular, it being written with ſuch ſolid Learning and Judgment, that next to *Dugdale*'s *Warwickſhire*, we may juſtly repute it the beſt Hiſtory we have of any County; and Pity it is the Engraver had not done his Part worthy of the Author's Performance. And here, ſince I am on this Subject, I may, with good Ground, cenſure the Corporations themſelves, they having been generally, I fear, ſo careleſs, that few, 'till of late Years, have

have kept any Regiſters of their Repreſenta-tives: However, if ſuch Regard has been had, I hope Gentlemen will furniſh me with the Names of thoſe they perceive I moſtly want, eſpecially in *Hen.* the 7th, and *Hen.* the 8th's Reigns, that my Endeavours to make this Work as perfect as poſſible, may meet with Succeſs, which, I hope, will prove a-greeable, tho' not executed with that Ele-gancy of Stile as might be expected; and that there will be Allowances made, on Ac-count of its being the firſt Work I have pub-liſh'd; which, I muſt own, I have compil'd with leſs Accuracy, that in Caſe I ſhould be induc'd to proceed, it may not be reflected, that my future Efforts were not equal to theſe. And herein I may juſtly vindicate my ſelf from wilful Errors; for tho' there are ſeveral Parliaments left out, and imper-fect, it has not been wanting in my Endea-vours to ſupply them, tho' I fear I have lit-tle Proſpect of thoſe earlier than Queen *Eli-zabeth*'s Time, or at leaſt *Edw.* 6. for which Reaſon, I have not left Vacancies in any Parliament before 33 *Hen.* 8. and if it be ob-jected, that the Catalogue of Knights of Shires, in the Times of *Edw.* 1, 2, and 3. *Rich.* 2. and *Hen.* 4. have ſeveral Returns more than the Boroughs which may be conjectur'd to have ſent at the ſame Time: To this I an-ſwer, that the Names of Burgeſſes being but of very few Boroughs enter'd in the Clauſe-Rolls, from whence the Names of the Knights of Shires are collected, and not from the Bundles of Returns, has occaſion'd this Dif-

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ference, especially in *Hen.* 4. Reign, where there are very few Bundles perfect. However, since the 2 *Hen.* 5. where the Clause-Rolls terminate, it will be observ'd, the Returns are in great Measure alike. Besides, as it is to be noted, that the Counties sent to several Parliaments, wherein there was no Summons of Burgesses, this makes some Augmentation in the three first *Edwards* Reigns: But having been already too tedious, I will not enter into farther Particulars, than to remark, that it is no small Satisfaction to me, that I have had Opportunities of giving some Presidents of the ancient and modern Form of creating Boroughs, as in *Windsor* and *Ailesbury*; and exhibiting, as in *Agmondesham*, *Wendover*, and *Marlow*, the Manner of reviving others by Petition in the House of Commons, as well as shewn some Returns of disus'd Boroughs, as *Newbery*, *Co. Berks*; which, I hope, will satisfy the Curious with the design'd Method of the whole; in which, if I am tax'd (as in the Abbey-Towns, *viz. Reading* and *Abingdon*) with censuring the Reformation: To this I appeal, That I have not gone out of the Course of my History, to speak of it; and that no Boroughs, besides these, could have led me so much into this Argument: And I believe the most indifferent Person will allow, it was Pity that the great and noble Churches, which were generally, in all Abbey-Towns, the Mother-Churches to the rest, and where the Dead were for the most part interr'd, were not left, and made Parochial;

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which would have been much for the Honour of this Nation. And as to quoting of Authors, I have choſen to refer to the moſt common; and tho' I have at firſt found ſeveral Things in Manuſcripts, yet I have, upon meeting with them afterwards in printed Books, choſe to put them down there, that the Reader may more readily have Recourſe to them. And as to Titles of Honour affix'd to Members Names, wherein I have not diſtinguiſh'd any Perſons by their Quality, I hope it will be pardon'd; for tho' I could have rectify'd ſeveral Titles, and ſupply'd others, I choſe not to vary from the Return I copy'd their Names from; and as to the Names of thoſe Members ſent in the great Rebellion, notwithſtanding I could eaſily have ſupply'd them, I hope my purpoſely omitting them, may be excus'd, ſince it would be for the Credit of our Nation, and is much to be wiſh'd, that thoſe Times could be blotted out of all our Annals.

*Whaddon-Hall,*
*October* 2. 1714.

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# COUNTY OF BEDFORD.

THIS County, with *Buckinghamſhire* and *Hertfordſhire*, comprehended that Tract of Ground whoſe Inhabitants were call'd by the *Romans*, *Cattieuchlani*. In the Time of the *Saxon* Heptarchy, this whole Diviſion, except *ſome Part of* Hertfordſhire, became ſubject to the Kingdom of *Mercia*; and in Spiritual Juriſdiction, upon founding the See of *Lincoln*, has in like manner been appropriated to that Dioceſe, to which the two firſt Counties, and Part of the third, at this Day belong: In the former of which, *viz. Bedfordſhire*, which we here treat of, there were, before the *Reformation*, thirteen Religious Houſes, the Number of Pariſhes being reckon'd up in the ſame 116, whereof ten are Market-Towns; the moſt noted of which, beſides

*Camden's Britannia*, in *Bucking.* and *Bedf.*

*Notitia Monaſtic.* p. 12.

*Camden's Britannia*, p. 289.

beſides the Borough of *Bedford*, compriz'd in this Account, are *Leighton* and *Dunſtable*, which laſt Place aroſe out of the old *Roman* Town call'd *Magiovinium*; as did two Villages, call'd *Sandy* and *Cheſterfield*, (tho' the latter is now only a Warren) out of their other City or Town call'd *Salena*. As to Corporations and Parliamentary Boroughs, I have never met with any here beſides *Bedford*; for tho' *Dunſtable* was made a Royal Borough by *Henry* I. yet it never had Repreſentatives in Parliament: And upon a Summons to ſend, *Anno* 4. *Ed.* 2. which was the only one it ever receiv'd, it made no Return, as appears by the Sheriffs Endorſement on the Writ, who ſays, *Præterea iſtud* (meaning *Bedford*) *Breve retornatum fuit Ballivis Libertatis de* Doneſtable, *ut venire faciant duos Burgenſes de eadem Villa ad Parliamentum, ſecundum tenorem Brevis; at Richardus de Everſhale, prædict. Libertatis Ballivus, nullum inde michi dedit Reſponſum.* Before which, and after, the ſaid Sheriff conſtantly return'd, that there was no other Borough. The ſet Number of Days allow'd for Expences and other Privileges allotted by the Writs of Expences to the Knights of this Shire, (whoſe Names are in the following Catalogue) and Burgeſſes, for their repairing to and returning from Parliaments and great Councils, at the Places where they were uſually held, are as follows:

At *Cambridge* one Day. At *Coventry* two. At *Glouceſter* three and an half. At *Leiceſter* one and an half. At *Lincoln* three. At *London* and *Weſtminſter* one and an half. At *Northampton* one. At *Nottingham* two and an half.

*Camden's Britannia*, p. 289.

*Monaſtic. Angl. Vol.* 2. *p.* 132.

*Brevia Parliamentar. in Turri Lond.*

Prynn's *Brevia Parliamentar.* Vol. 4. p. 662.

half. At *Saliſbury* four. At *Wincheſter* two. At *York* five.

## EDWARD I.

18 *P. at* Weſt. Tho. de Bray, Reginald de Beauchamp.
23 *at* Weſt. Rob. le Hoo, David le Fletwyk, Ralf de Goldington, *(two or three being requir'd by this Writt.)*
25 *at* Lond. John de Pabenham, Edm. Gacelyn.
26 *at* York, Walter Fitz Robert, Ric. le Rous.
29 *at* Linc. Hen. de Prees, Ralf de Goldington.
30 *at* Weſt. Rob. de Hoo, Roger Bryen.
33 *at* Weſt. John de Pabenham, Ric. de Rous.
34 *Council at* Weſt. Ric. le Rous, Ralf de Goldington.
35 *P. at* Carliſle, John de Mortayn, Walter Fitz Robert.

## EDWARD II.

1 *P. at* Northton, John Pabenham, John Spigurnel.
2 *at* Weſt. Ric. le Rous, John de Morteyn.
4 *at* Lond. Walter de Moleſworth, Gerard de Braybroks.
5 *at* Weſt. Walter de Moleſworth, Gerard de Braybroks.
6 *at* Weſt. John de Morteyn, Roger de Bray.
6 *at* Weſt Gerard de * B———, John de Steele. *Perhaps* Braybroks
6 *at* Weſt. Ralf de Goldington.
7 *at* Weſt. Peter de Loring, David de Flitwike.
8 *at* York, Peter Loring, Rob. de Hocot.
8 *at* York, Peter Loringe, Walter Moleſworth.
9 *at* Linc. Peter de Loring, Rob. Dakeney.
10 *Council at* Linc. Peter de Loring.
12 *P. at* York, Rob. de Hocot, Roger Peyvre.
15 *at* York, John de Pabenham, John Maurice.
16 *at* York, Rob. Hocour, John de Sudbury.
17 *at* Weſt. John Mortein, Nigel Salford.
18 *at* London, Hugh Boſſard, Hen. de la Legh.
19 *at* Weſt. John de Wollaſton, Walter de Holewell.
20 *at* Weſt. Hugh Boſſard, John Maurice.

## EDWARD III.

1 *P. at* Linc. John, *Son of* Baldwin Picot, John Picot *of* Rouhale.

1 *P. at* Northton, John de Morteyn, John de Beauchamp.
2 *at* New Sarum, Roger de Nowers, Walter de Holewell.
2 *at* Northton, John de Morteyn, John de Beauchamp.
2 *at* York, John de Gyſe.
3 *at* New Sarum, Roger de Nowers, Walter de Holewell.
4 *at* Weſt. John Morteyn, Tho. de Stodlegh.
4 *at* Winch. Ric. de la Bere, Walter de Holewell.
5 *at* Weſt. Ralf Fitz Richard, Roger le Mareſchal.
6 *at* Weſt. Nigel de Salford, Tho. de Stodle.
6 *at* Weſt. John Morris, Gerard de Ercalew.
6 *at* Weſt. Gerard de Braybrok, Tho. de Stodle.
7 *at* York, John Moryz, Gerard de Braybrok.
7 *at* Weſt. John Pycot, John Meperteſhale.
8 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Stodlegh, Hugh de Croft.
9 *at* York, Tho. Frembaud, Hugh de Croft.
10 *at* Weſt. John de Meperteſhale, Walter Pool.
10 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Stodlegh, John Morice.
11 *at* Weſt. Simon Croyſer, Tho. de Stodlegh.
11 *Council at* Weſt. Simon Croyſer, Tho. de Stodlegh.
11 *P. at* Weſt. John de Mepertiſhale, Walter Blaunkfrount.
12 *Council at* Northton, Tho. Stodley, Tho. Fremband.
12 *P. at* Weſt. John de Pabenham, Ralf Fitz Richard.
13 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Swynford, Tho. Fermband.
13 *at* Weſt. Gerard de Braybrok, Roger de Midelton.
14 *at* Weſt. Roger Fitz John de Midelton.
14 *at* Weſt. John Morice, Tho. de Swyneford.
14 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Swyneford.
14 *at* Weſt. Tho. Spigurnel, John de Pabenham.
14 *at* Weſt. Rob. Strout, John Morteyn.
15 *at* Weſt. John de la Dale, Rob. Mordaunt.
17 *at* Weſt. John Morteyn, Nigel de Salford.
17 *at* Weſt. John de Meperteſhale, Walter de Woubourn.
18 *at* Weſt. John de Meperteſhale.
20 *at* Weſt. Giles Boſſard, Walter Blankfrount.
21 *at* Weſt. Gerard de Braybrooks, Walter de Woubourn.
22 *at* Weſt. Gerard de Braybrooks, Walter de Wouburn.
24 *at* Weſt. Tho. Fermband, John Mareſhall.
25 *at* Weſt. Tho. Fermband, John Mareſchal.
26 *at* Weſt. John Bekeryng, John de Meperteſhale.
26 *Council at* Weſt. Tho. Fermband.
27 *at* Weſt. Peter de Salford.
28 *P. at* Weſt. Gerard de Braybrok, Will. Croyſer.
29 *at* Weſt. Gerard de Brabrok, Peter de Salford.

1 P. *at* Weſt. John Bekering, John de Meperteſhale.
1 *at* Weſt. Gerard de Braybrok, Peter de Salford.
2 *at* Weſt. John Bekeryng, John de Meperteſhale.
4 *at* Weſt. John Meperteſhale, Will. Otteford.
4 *at* Weſt. John Meperteſhale, Will. de Salford.
5 *at* Weſt. John de Pabenham, John Spigurnell.
6 *at* Weſt. John de Meperteſhale, Will. Ruſhley.
7 *at* Weſt. Will. Ruſhley, John Creweker.
8 *at* Weſt. Rob. Hocot, Will. Ruſhley.
9 *at* Weſt. Ric. Hocot, Will. de Ruſhley.
2 *at* Weſt. John Ragon, John Curteys.
3 *at* Weſt. John Ragonn, John Dakeneye.
3 *at* Weſt. Fulk de Bermigeham, Tho. de Reynes.
5 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Reynes, John Ragon.
5 *Council* at Winch. Tho. de Reynes.
6 P. *at* Weſt. John Cheney, John Ragonn.
7 *at* Weſt. John Cheney, Roger Pabenham.
7 *at* Weſt. John Ragonn, Tho. Attehoo.
0 *at* Weſt. Gerard de Braybroke, John Trayle.

## RICHARD II.

1 P. *at* Weſt. Tho. *atte* Hoo, *Chr.* Tho. Pevere.
2 *at* Glouc. Edw. Botiler, *Chr.* Laur. de Pabenham, *Chr.*
2 *at* Weſt. Will. Mordaunt, Ralf Fitz Richard.
3 *at* Weſt. Tho. Peyver, Will. Tyrington.
4 *at* Northton, Will. Tyrington, Ralf de Walton.
5 *at* Weſt. John Trailly, Edw. Botiller.
6 *at* Weſt. Tho. Peyver, Will. Tyrington.
6 *at* Weſt. Tho. Peyvre, Will. Tyrington.
6 *at* Weſt. Will. Tyrington, Rob. Dikeſwell.
7 *at* Weſt. Laurence de Pabenham, Rob. Dykeſwell.
7 *at* New Sarum, Tho. Peyver, Ralf Fitz Richard.
8 *at* Weſt. Ralf Fitz Richard, Rob. Dikeſwell.
9 *at* Weſt. Tho. Peyvre, Reginald Ragon.
0 *at* Weſt. Ralf Fitz Richard, John Hervy.
1 *at* Weſt. Gerard Braybrok, *Jun. Chr.* Rob. Dikeſwell.
2 *at* Camb. Will. Tyrington, Ralf de Walton.
3 *at* Weſt. Baldwin Pygot, *Chr.* Will. Tyrington.
4 *at* Weſt. Gerard Braybrok, *Chr.* Tho. la Zouche.
5 *at* Weſt. Will. Tyrington, Ralf Walton.
5 *at* Winch. John Worſhippe, Will. Tyrington.
7 *at* Weſt. John Worſhippe, Reginald Ragonn.
8 *at* Weſt. Phillip Walweyn, Giles Dawbeney.

20 P. *at* West. John Worshepe, Will. Tyrington.
21 *at* West. Baldwin Pygot, *Chr.* John Worship.

## HENRY IV.

1 P. *at* West. Rog. Beauchamp, *Chr.* Ger. Braybroks, *Jun. Ch*
2 *at* West. Giles Dawbeney, Baldwin Pygot, *Chr.*
3 *at* West. John Worship, Reginald Ragon.
4 *at* West. John Worship, Reginald Ragon.
5 *at* West. Reginald Ragonn, Will. Tyrington.
6 *at* Coventry, Tho. Durant, Will. Wenlocke.
8 *at* West. Tho. Durant, Hugh Hasilden.
9 *at* Glouc. John Worship, Will. Bosome.

## HENRY V.

1 P. *at* West. Tho. Waweton, Will. Bosom.
2 *at* West. John Enderby, Roger Hunt.
2 *at* Leic. Tho. Wauton, John Goldington.
3 *at* West. Roger Hunt, Tho. Loinnde.
5 *at* West. Will. Bosom, Tho. Roxton.
8 *at* Glouc. Robert Scot, Roger Hunt.
9 *at* West. Tho. Manningham, Hen. Cockayne.
9 *at* West. Robert Mordaunt, John Goldington.

## HENRY VI.

1 P. *at* West. Tho. Wenlock, *Chr.* John Enderby, Esq;
3 *at* West. Tho. Wawton, *Chr.* Tho. Wenlock, *Chr.*
4 *at* Leic. Tho. Wenlock, *Chr.* John Enderby, Esq;
6 *at* West. Will. Ludsopp, Esq; John Enderby.
8 *at* West. John Enderby, John Fitz Geffrey.
9 *at* West. John Enderby, John Fitz Geffrey.
13 *at* West. John Enderby, John Fitz Geffrey.
15 *at* Camb. John Rason, John Wenlok.
20 *at* West. John Enderby, Tho. Reynes.
25 *at* Camb. John Wenloke, Will Geemey.
27 *at* West. John Wenloke, Kt. Will. Daubeney, Esq;
28 *at* West. Will. Hertesborne, Esq; John Laurence.
29 *at* West. Will. Hertesborne, John Laurens.
31 *at* Reding, Hen. Norbury, Kt. Tho. Wychard.
33 *Cedula amissa.*
38 *Cedula amissa.*

EDWARD

## EDWARD IV.

7 *P. at* West. Will. Lucy, Ric. Godfrey.
12 *at* West. Will. Lucy, John * ——— Esq; *Perhaps* Rotheram.
17 *at* West. John Rotheram, Ric. Carlisle.

The Writs, Returns, and Indentures, from 17 *Edw.* 4. to the 1st of *Edw.* 6. (except an imperfect Bundle of 33. *Hen.* 8.) are all lost throughout *England*. Brady *of Boroughs*, P. 77.

## HENRY VIII.

33 *P. at* West. John St. John, John Gascoigne.

## EDWARD VI.

1 *P. at* West. Oliver St. John, *Jun.* Esq; Lewis Dyves, Esq;
7 *at* West. Humfry Ratcliffe, Kt. Lewis Dyve.

## MARY.

1 *P. at* West. John Mordant, Kt. John Gascoign, Kt.
1 *at* Oxf. John Mordant, Kt. Humfry Ratcliffe, Kt.

## PHILIP and MARY.

1 & 2 *P. at* West. John Mordant, Kt. Humfry Ratcliffe, Kt.
2 & 3 *at* West. John Mordant, Kt. Humfry Ratcliffe, Kt.
4 & 5 *at* West. Humfry Ratcliffe, Kt. Tho. Gascoigne, Kt.

## ELIZABETH.

1 *P. at* West. Tho. Pygott, Esq; John St. John, Esq;
1 *at* West. John St. John, Esq; John Mordant, Esq;
13 *at* West. George Rotheram, Esq; Tho. Snagg, Esq;
14 *at* West. * Hen. Cheney, Kt. George Rotheram, Esq; * *In his Place call'd to the House of Peers,*
27 *at* West. George Rotheram, Esq; Nic. Luke, Esq;
31 *at* West. Tho. Snagg, *Serj. at Law*, Geo. Rotheram, Esq;
31 *at* West. Oliver St. John, *of* Standfordbury, Esq; George Rotheram, Esq; John Tomson, Esq;
39 *P.*

35 *P. at* West. Oliver St. John *of* Standfordbury, Esq;
George Rotheram, Esq;
39 *at* West. . . . . .
43 *at* West. Oliver St. John, Esq; Edw. Ratcliffe, Kt.

## JAMES I.

1 *P. at* West. Oliver St. John, Esq; Edw. Ratcliffe, Kt.
12 *at* West. . . . . .
18 *at* West. Beauchamp St. John, Esq; Oliver Luke, Kt.
21 *at* West. Oliver St. John, Esq; Oliver Luke, Kt.

## CHARLES I.

1 *P. at* West. Oliver St. John, Oliver Luke, Kt.
1 *at* West. Oliver St. John, Oliver Luke, Kt.
3 *at* West. Oliver St. John *of* Bletsoe, Oliver Luke, Kt.
15 *at* West. Thomas *Lord* Wentworth, Kt. *of the* Bath,
Oliver Luke, Kt.
16 *at* West. Thomas *Lord* Wentworth, Kt. *of the* Bath,
Oliver Luke, Kt. *Roger Burgoyne*, Bart.

## CHARLES II.

12 *P. at* West. Rob. Lord Bruce, Sam. Browne, *Serjeant at Law.*
13 *at* West. John Winch, Bart. John Nappier, Bart.
31 *at* West. Will. *Lord* Russell, Humfry Monnoux, Bart.
31 *at* West. Will. *Lord* Russell, Humfry Monnoux, Bart.
32 *at* Oxford, Will. *Lord* Russell, Humfry Monnoux, Bart.

## JAMES II.

1 *P. at* West. Villiers Charnock, Bart. Will. Boteler, Esq;

## WILLIAM and MARY.

1 *P. at* West. *Hon.* Edw. Russel, Esq; Will. Duncombe, Esq;
2 *at* West. *Hon.* Edw. Russell, Esq; Tho. Browne, Esq;

## WILLIAM III.

7 *P. at* West. *Hon. Lord* Edward Russell, Will. Duncombe, Esq;

10 *P.*

10 P. at West. *Hon.* Edw. *Lord* Russell, Will. Gostwicke, Kt. *and* Bar.

12 at West. *Rt. Hon.* Edw. *Lord* Russell, Will. Gostwicke, Kt. *and* Bar.

13 at West. *Rt. Hon.* Edw. *Lord* Russell, Will. Gostwicke, Kt. *and* Bar.

## ANNE.

1 P. at West. *Hon.* Edw. *Lord* Russell, Will. Gostwicke, Kt. *and* Bar.

4 at West. Pinsent Charnocke, Bar. Will. Gostwicke, Bar.

7 at West. *Hon.* Edw. *Lord* Russell, Will. Gostwicke, Bar.

9 at West. *Hon.* Edw. *Lord* Russell, Will. Gostwicke, Bar.

12 at West. Pinsent Charnock, Bart John Harvey, Esq;

C TOWN

# TOWN OF BEDFORD.

*Camden's Britan. p. 286.*

THIS Town, call'd in *Saxon* Bedanforde, which implies Beds or Inns on a Ford, giving Name to the County, is ſituate on both Sides the River *Ouſe*, and contains five Pariſh-Churches, *viz. St. Peter's*, *St. Cuthbert's*, *St. Paul's*, *St. John's*, and *St. Mary's*, whereof the three firſt are on the North, and the two other on the South Side the River.

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p. 25.*

It was famous for the Battel here fought, *An.* 572, between *Cuthwulf*, King of the *Saxons*, and the *Britains*, who then were vanquiſh'd;

*Camden's Brit. p. 286.*

and likewiſe for the Burial of King *Offa*, whoſe Body being repos'd in a ſmall Chapel near the River *Ouſe*, was by the rapid Stream ſwept away. In the *Daniſh* Wars it ſuffer'd much, but was repair'd by *Edward the Elder*.

In

In the *Norman* Invaſion it defended it ſelf for half an hundred in Expedition and Ships; ſoon after which, King *William* gave the Barony of *Bedford* to *Fagan de Eello Campo*, or *Beauchamp*; one of whoſe Deſcendants, about King *Stephen*'s Time, built here a Caſtle, which was eminent for ſeveral remarkable Sieges laid to it in the Barons Wars; after which, it being much demoliſh'd, and in King *Henry* VIII's Time levell'd, a Bowling-Green hath ſince been made on Part of it; which, for its Pleaſantneſs, is accounted one of the moſt famous in *England*. But to return. This Caſtle and Barony, with divers Lands belonging to it, continu'd in the Poſſeſſion of the *Beauchamps*, 'till, for want of Heirs Male, Part of it, by Marriage of the eldeſt Daughter, came to the *Mowbrays*, and the Lands of the ſecond Daughter, who dy'd unmarry'd, by Purchaſe to the Lord *Latimer*; and thoſe of the third, by Marriage, to the *Straunges*, and from the *Straunges*, by like Failure, to the *Pigotts* and *Pateſhulls*, and after to the *St. John*s. However, the Title did not attend it; for notwithſtanding the Inheritance of the Caſtle, it hath given Title to many eminent Perſons, *viz.* to *Ingelram de Courcy*, and afterwards to that Great Hero *John* Duke of *Bedford*, Conſtable of *England*, and Regent of *France*, 3d Son of King *Henry* IV. an Account of whom may be ſeen in the Authors here cited. Afterwards, in the 9th Year of King *Edward* IV, that Prince conferr'd the Dignity of Duke of *Bedford* on *George Nevill*, Son of *John* Lord *Mountacute*, whom he degraded in the 17th

*Doomſday Book.*
*Camden's Brit. p. 286.*
*Leland's Itin. Vol. 8. p. 59.*
*Blome's Brit. p. 44.*
*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p. 89, and 255.*
*Leland's Itin. Vol. 8. p. 59.*
*Sandford's Genealog. Hiſt. p. 306.*
*Dug. Bar. Vol. 2. p. 200.*
*Camden's Brit. p. 290.*

Year of his Reign: Not long after which, King *Henry* VII granted it to *Jaſpar de Hatfeild*, Earl of *Pembroke*, half Brother to King *Henry* VI, who dying without Iſſue, King *Edward* VI created *John Ruſſell* Earl of *Bedford*, in whoſe Poſterity it has continu'd ever ſince; tho' King *William* III, *An.* 1694, chang'd the Title of Earl, into that of Duke. But this is not the only Honour this Town can boaſt of; for by Act of Parliament in *Henry* VIII's Time, after the Diſſolution of the Monaſteries, here was fix'd a See for a Suffragan Biſhop.

*Dug. Bar. Vol.* 2. *p.* 241.

*Ibid. p.* 577.

As to a Deſcription of this Town, there being a Draught of it in *Speed*'s Maps, I ſhall there refer; where the Reader may ſee the Diſpoſition of the Streets, Situation of the Churches, *&c.* the Principal of which, and indeed the chief Ornament of the Town, is *St. Paul*'s. Before the Conqueſt, this Church was a College of Prebends, about the Circuit of which ſtood their Houſes. Theſe Prebends were chang'd by *Roeſia*, Wife to *Paganus*, Baron of *Bedford*, into Canons Regular. (Which *Roeſia* founded *Chickſand* Priory, where ſhe was bury'd in the Chapter-Houſe.) But they did not long continue here, for her Son *Simon de Bello Campo* tranſlated them to *Newenham*, which he founded. This *Simon* was bury'd before the high Altar, in this Church of *St. Paul*'s, with this Epitaph.

*Leland's Itin. Vol.* 8, *p.* 89.

*Ibid. p.* 89.

*De Bello Campo jacet hic ſub Marmore Simon*
*Fundator de Newenham.*

In

In this Town were likewiſe two Hoſpitals, ſaid to be founded by the Townſmen of *Bedford*, the one dedicated to *St. John*, and the other to *St. Leonard*; both which were ſtanding, with their Houſes and Chapels, after the Diſſolution. *Ibid. p. 59.*

Here was alſo, in the North-Eaſt part of the Town, another Religious Foundation, call'd, *The Grey Fryers*; where was bury'd on the South Side of the Altar, under an Arch, *Mabill Pateſhull*, Lady of *Bletſo*, the Foundreſs, with this Epitaph, *Hic jacet Domina Mabilla Pateſhull Domina de Bletteſho, prima fundatrix hujus loci.* And on the North Side, under a plain Stone, one of the Lord *Mowbrays*. And in the Middle, before the high Altar, under a flat Stone, on which was a Braſs Image crown'd, was bury'd Queen *Elianor*. And in the Choir *Richard Haſtings*, Chamberlain to King *Edward* the IIId, and one *Blake St. John*. And in the Middle of the Church Sir *Richard Irenceſter*, who is ſaid to have made the Body of the Church. *Ibid. Vol. 5. p. 91.* *Ibid.* *Ibid. Vol. 5.*

As to the Manour of the Town of *Bedford*, this, as moſt other great Towns, is held from the Crown by the Corporation, which conſiſts of a Mayor, two Bailiffs, twelve Aldermen, a Chamberlain, and other Officers. And as to the Right of electing Members of Parliament, it hath been adjudg'd, *A.* 1690. to be in the Inhabitants at large, not receiving Alms, who are above five hundred in Number: And the Precept is directed to the Mayor and Bailiffs, who are the returning Officers. The Names of the Repreſentatives are as follows. *Bohun's Collection of Debates in Parliament, p. 59.*

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## EDWARD I.

23 P. *at* West. John Cullebere, Simon de Holland.
26 *at* York, Tho. Holyday, Robert Sewell.
28 *at* West. John Wymond, Will. Bend.
29 *at* Lincoln, John Wymond, Will. Bound.
30 *at* West. Simon le Tanner, Robert de Sywell.
32 *at* West. Simon de Williamsted, Geffry le Blunt.
33 *at* West. John Holyday, Will. Coslyn.
35 *at* Carlisle, Will. Coslyn, John de Mareschal.

## EDWARD II.

1 P. *at* West. Will. Bonum, John Attewell.
2 *at* West. Gilbert de Hollyn, John de Mareschall.
4 *at* West. John Holiday, Godfry Glegon.
5 *at* London, John Holiday, Godfry Glegon.
6 *at* London, Hugh Ball, John Suit.
6 *at* West. Phillip de Norfolk, John *Atte* Walle.
7 *at* West. Tho. de Norfolk, John *Atte* Walle.
8 *at* York, Will. Constantine, Tho. de Norfolk.
9 *at* Linc. Will. Constantine.
12 *at* York, Simon de Bydenham, Ralf de Botiller.
15 *at* West. Simon Knyghtwick, Will. Constantine.
16 *at* York, Ric. de Cave, Simon de Knyghtwyck.
19 *at* West. Tho. Holiday, John le Man.
20 *at* West. Hugh Ball, Hugh Coke.

## EDWARD III.

1 P. *at* York, Hugh Cock, Will. Houghton.
2 *at* Northton. John de Lund, *Jun.* Geffry de Neve.
2 *at* West. John Scotte, Will. Flower.
4 *at* Winch. Ric. de Cave, Tho. Orlebere.
4 *at* West. Rob. Crowe, John Elcock.
5 *at* West. Will. Constantyn.
6 *at* West. Hugh Walle, John Scot.
6 *at* York, John de Saham, *Jun.* Geffry Walcock.
6 *at* York, John Seham, John Bidenham.
7 *at* York, Ric. de Cave, Will. le Clerk.
8 *at* York, Ric. de Cave, Will. le Clerk.
8 *at* West. Ric. de Cave, Will. le Clerk.
9 *at* York, Ric. de Cave, Will. de Holewelle.

10 *P. at* West. John *Atte* Lond, Hen. Arnold.
11 *at* West. John de Lounde, Simon de Stenynton.
11 *at* West. John de Senecle, Will. Holliwell.
11 *Council at* West. Simon Colleber, Hugh Balle, Will. Moyerhanger.
12 *P. at* West. *Cedula manca.*
13 *at* West. Rob. Carbonell, Will. Holewell.
14 *at* West. Walter Perle, Hen. Arnold.
14 *at* West. Ric. Cave, Tho. Holiday.
15 *at* West. Tho. Holiday, Roger *atte* Walle.
17 *at* West. Will. le Leche,
20 *at* West. Walter Perle, Ric. Swele.
21 *at* West. Walter Perle, William Leche.
22 *at* West. Roger Knottyng, Reginald Spicer.
25 *at* West. Henry Arnold, Will. Prat.
27 *at* West. Edmund Angmundes, Stephen Hatt.
28 *at* West. Walter Donne, John de Ely.
29 *at* West. John D nberne, Will. Coke.
31 *at* West. John Danbourn, Will. Cok.
34 *at* West. Will. Kempston, Tho. Peyntour.
34 *at* West. Ric. Frereman, Will. de Roche.
36 *at* West. Rob. Wrygh, Ric. Frereman.
37 *at* West. Roger Salford, Ric. Frereman.
39 *at* West. Ric. Vigerous, John Spicer.
40 *at* West. Ric. Frereman, Giles Hermer.
42 *at* West. Ric. Frereman, Roger Peyntour.
43 *at* West. John Boryate, John Duptail.
45 *at* West. Ric. Frereman, Will. Brasiere.
45 *Council at* Winch. Ric. Frereman.
46 *P. at* West. Will. Brasiere, Tho. Ward.
47 *at* West. John Ferrour, Will. Brasier.
50 *at* West. Tho. Bole, John Swanton.

## RICHARD II.

1 *P. at* West. Hen. Hunte, Hen. Wrste.
2 *at* Glouceſter, John Glover, Will. Bronn.
2 *at* West. Simon Twywell, Rob. Bakere.
3 *at* West. John Sunstalle, Tho. Jordayne.
4 *at* Northton. Will. Goldsmith, Will. Lavender.
5 *at* West. *Cedula manca.*
6 *at* West. Ric. Hoult, Roger Bencher.
7 *at* West. John White, Hugh Forster.
7 *at* New Sarum, Ric. Frereman, Will. Clereuaux.

8 *P.*

8 P. *at* Weſt. Will. Somerſete, John Lydington.
9 *at* Weſt. Tho. Frerman, Will. Cleruaux.
10 *at* Weſt. Tho. Bedford, Will. Clereuaux.
11 *at* Weſt. Tho. Frereman, Will Clereuaux.
12 *at* Weſt. Tho. Freman, Will. Clereuaux.
12 *at* Camb. Roger Kempſton, Will. Barbour.
13 *at* Weſt. *Cedula manca.*
15 *at* Weſt. Hen. Weſt, John Wright.
16 *at* Weſt. Tho. Bedford, John Tryngham.
18 *at* Weſt. Will. Gatherſtock, Tho. Bedford.
20 *at* Weſt. Will. Gatherſtock, Tho. Bedford.
21 *at* Weſt. Tho. Jurdan, Will. Bren.

## HENRY IV.

1 P. *at* Weſt. Ric. Bethewater, Ralf Prerwell.
3 *at* Weſt. Tho. Bedford, Roger Tunſtall.

## HENRY V.

1 P. *at* Weſt. Will. Getherſtock, Tho Bedford.
2 *at* Weſt. Will. Dow, Will. Watlington.
3 P. *at* Weſt. Hen. Sparke, Will. Welburn.
5 *at* Weſt. Ric. Marſton, John Freepurſe.
7 *at* Glouc. John Kent, John Grey.
8 *at* Weſt. Tho. Hunte, Will. Hunte.
9 *at* Weſt. Tho. Kempſton, John Ferrour.
9 *at* Weſt. John Layton, Tho. Ferrour.

## HENRY VI.

1 P. *at* Weſt. John Leighton, Tho. Cole.
3 *at* Weſt. Tho. Kempſton, Will. Hunt.
4 *at* Leic. Hen. Cover, Robert Plomer.
6 *at* Weſt. John Freepurſe, Will. Hunt.
8 *at* Weſt. Tho. Kempſton, Ralf Boole.
9 *at* Weſt. Tho. Kempſton, Will. Bege.
13 *at* Weſt. Tho. Kempſton, Will. Bette.
15 *at* Camb. Tho. Kempſton, Ralf Coole.
20 *at* Weſt. Tho. Kempſton, John Toller.
25 *at* Camb. John Moſton, Will. Spicer.
27 *at* Weſt. Will. Peck, Hugh John.
28 *at* Weſt. Hugh John, James Moſton.

29 P. *at* West. Tho. Kempston, Will. Chechele.
31 *at* Reding, Hugh John, John Terry.
33 *at* West. *Cedula amissa.*
38 *at* West. *Cedula amissa.*

## EDWARD IV.

7 P. *at* West. John Boston, Will. Colet.
12 *at* West. John Boston, Tho. Adams.
17 *at* West. Tho. Adams, Will. Erlett.

## HENRY VIII.

33 P. *at* West. Will. Johnson, Mich. Thrale.

## EDWARD VI.

1 P. *at* West. Garett Harvey, *Esq*; Geo. Wright, *Esq*;
6 *at* West. Tho. Leigh, Will. Godolphin, *Gent.*

## MARY.

1 P. *at* West. Edw. Mordaunte, *Esq*; Tho. Leighe, *Esq*;
1 *at* Oxf. Edw. Mordaunte, *Esq*; Tho. Leighe, *Esq*;

## PHILIP & MARY.

1 & 2 P. *at* West. Will. Hall, *Mayor*, John Williams.
2 & 3 *at* West. Edw. Mordant, *Esq*; Cha. Legh.
4 & 5 *at* West. Geo. Gascoigne, *Esq*; Tho. Leigh, *Esq*;

## ELIZABETH.

1 P. *at* West. Tho. Leigh, *Esq*; Geo. Gascoigne, *Esq*;
5 *at* West. Oliver St. John, *Esq*; John Burgoyne, *Esq*;
13 *at* West. Hen. Checke, *Esq*; Rob. Hattey, *Esq*;
14 *at* West. Hen. Checke, *Esq*; Mich. Hawtree, *Gent.*
27 *at* West. John Pickering, *Serjeant at Law*, Nich. Potts, *Esq*;
28 *at* West. Will. Boteler, Esq; Tho. Snagg, *Jun.* Esq;
31 *at* West. Tho. Snagg, *Serjeant at Law*, John Pigott, Esq;
35 *at* West. Humfry Winche, Esq; John Pigott, Esq;
39 *at* West.

43 *P. at* West. Humfry Winche, Esq; Tho. Fanshawe, Esq;

## JAMES I.

* *In his Place* Christopher Hatton.

1 *P. at* West. * Humfry Winch, Tho. Harris.
12 *at* West.
18 *at* West. Alexander St. John, Kt. Ric. Taylor, Esq;
21 *at* West. Alexander St. John, Kt. Ric. Taylor, Esq;

## CHARLES I.

1 *P. at* West. Alexander St. John, Kt. Ric. Taylor, Esq;
1 *at* West. Beauchamp St. John, Kt. Ric. Taylor, Esq;
3 *at* West. Beauchamp St. John, Kt. Ric. Taylor, Esq;
15 *at* West. Beauchamp St. John, Kt. } *Double Return.*
Sam. Luke, Kt. }
Beauchamp St. John, Kt. }
Will. Boteler, Esq; }
16 *at* West. Beauchamp St. John, Kt. Sam. Luke, Kt.

## CHARLES II.

12 *P. at* West. Sam. Luke, Kt. Humfry Winch, Esq;
13 *at* West. Paulet St. John, Esq; Will. Beecher, Kt.
31 *at* West. Paulet St. John. Esq; Will. Franklyn, Kt.
31 *at* West. Paulet St. John, Esq; Will. Franklyn, Kt.
32 *at* Oxford, Paulet St. John, Esq; Will. Franklyn, Kt.

## JAMES II.

1 *P. at* West. Anthony Chester *of* Litlington, *Bart.* Tho. Christie, Esq;

## WILLIAM & MARY.

1 *P. at* West. Tho. Christie, Esq; Tho. Hillersdon, Esq;
2 *at* West. Tho. Hillersdon, Esq; Tho. Christie, Esq;
Will. Franklyn, Kt. Tho. Hillersdon, Esq;
*Double Return, the last taken off.*

## WILLIAM III.

7 *P. at* West. * Tho. Hillersdon, Esq; Will. Farrer, Esq;
10 *at* West. Tho. Alston, Bart. Will. Spencer, Esq;
12 *at* West. Sam. Rolt, Esq; Will. Spencer, Esq;
13 *at* West. Will. Farrer, Esq; Will. Spencer, Esq;

* *In his Place, deceas'd,* W. Spencer, *Esq;*

## ANNE.

1 *P. at* West. Will. Spencer, Esq; *Hon.* Edw. Carteret, Esq;
4 *at* West. Will. Farrer, Esq; ‡ Phillip Monoux, *Bart.*
7 *at* West. Will. Farrer, Esq; Will. Hillersdon, Esq;
9 *at* West. John Cater, Esq; Will. Farrer, Esq;
12 *at* West. Sam. Rolt, Esq; John Cater, Esq;

‡ *In his Place, deceas'd,* W. Hillersdon Esq;

# COUNTY OF BERKS.

*Camden's Britannia*, p. 138, 144.

THE antient Inhabitants which poſſeſs'd this County, known to *Cæſar*, were the *Attrebatii*, tho' ſome ſmall Part, near *Windſor*, was inhabited by the *Bibroci*; after the Downfal of the *Roman* Empire, it became Part of the Kingdom of the *Weſt Saxons*, and was call'd by them Bennocrcyne, which Name *Aſſerius Menevenſis* derives from *Berroc*, a certain Wood where Box grew in great Abundance; others, from an Oak diſbark'd, formerly ſtanding in *Windſor*-Foreſt, to which the People were wont to reſort to conſult together. As to its Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction, it belongs to the Biſhop of *Saliſbury*, whoſe See, before it was ſettled there, having undergone divers Removals, was once,

nce, for ſome ſmall Time, fix'd at *Sunning*, Village of this County near *Reading*, where ight Biſhops were ſaid to have liv'd, and reſided over *Berkſhire* and *Wiltſhire*. At a Place call'd *Wantage*, in this County, was born the renown'd King *Elfred*, (famous for reſtoring the Univerſity of *Oxford*, and other conſiderable Actions.) Here were, before the *Reformation*, computed ſixteen Monaſteries. And at this Day are reckon'd up 140 Pariſhes, twelve of which are Market-Towns; (of theſe Towns, ſeven, *viz. Newbery*, *Maidenhead*, and *Okingham*, with the four preſent Boroughs, are incorporated.) It ſends nine Repreſentatives to Parliament: Tho', beſides the preſent, I find once, that the large Town of *Newbery*, being an antient Borough, has, on the Sheriff's Precept, made this one Return of Burgeſſes, *viz.*

*Ibid. p.* 144. *Florentius Wigorn. Cronicon.* p. 556. *Notitia Monaſtic.* p. 8.

EDWARD I.

30 P. at Lond. Nic. de Everington, John Goldſmith.

And likewiſe, it being a Place of conſiderable Trade, ſent once alſo Repreſentatives to a great *Council*, on a Precept, *viz.*

EDWARD III.

11 Council at Weſt. Tho. de Chedyndon, Phillip Ryce, William Anſelin.

This Town of *Newbery* is ſaid to ariſe out of the Ruins of the old *Roman Spina*, or *Spene*, which, with *Gallena*, or *Wallingford*, were

were the only *Roman* Towns in this County.

But beſides this ſaid Borough, or Town of *Newbery*, I find a Place call'd *Thatcham*, a conſiderable Village in its Neighbourhood, heretofore belonging to the Abbot of *Reading*, ſtil'd a Borough, tho' it never was a Parliamentary one, or any other Place in this Shire, except as aforeſaid.

*Pat. Hen. 8.*

*Dugd. Bar. Vol. 1. p. 16.*

As to Titles of Nobility, before the Conqueſt, *Anno* 860, *Ethelwolf* was Earl hereof, who raiſing conſiderable Forces againſt the *Danes*, *Anno* 871, and defeating them, was, within a few Days after, ſlain at *Reading*, in fighting with them.

*Ibid. p. 18.*

The next Earl was *Swane*, Son to *Godwyn* Earl of *Kent*, Brother to King *Harold*, who going to *Jeruſalem* on Penance, dy'd in his Return; ſince when, this County has not been honour'd, by giving Title to any, 'till the Year 1620, when *Francis Norris* was created Earl hereof, *January* 28; but he dying without Iſſue Male, it was ſoon after, *viz. Anno* 1625, beſtow'd upon *Thomas Howard*, whoſe great Grandſon, *Henry Bowes Howard*, now enjoys it.

*Camden in Addition.*

*Peerage of England, 173.*

*Prynn's Brev. Parliamentar. Vol. 4. p. 662.*

The Wages of the Burgeſſes and Knights of this Shire, which were allotted them by the Writs of Expences allow'd for Number of Days, in repairing to great Councils and Parliaments at the Places where they were uſually held, together with the Names of the ſaid Knights, are as follows:

At *Cambridge* two Days. At *Coventry* one Day. At *Glouceſter* two Days. At *Leiceſter* two

two Days and an half. At *Lincoln* four Days. At *London* and *Weſtminſter* two Days. At *Northampton* two Days. At *Nottingham* three Days. At *Saliſbury* two Days. At *Winchester* one Day. At *York* ſix Days.

## EDWARD I.

28 *P. at* Weſt. Ric. Coleſhull, Rowland de Erle.
33 *at* Weſt. Ric. de Coleſhull, Ric. de Windleſore.
25 *at* Lond. Barth. de Erle, Ric. de Wyndſor.
28 *at* Weſt. John de Hues, Roger de Burghfeld.
28 *at* Linc. Adam de Brompton, Hugh le Blund.
29 *at* Linc. Roger de Berrifeild, John de la Herſe.
30 *at* Lond. Rob de Syndleſham, Phil. Fettiplace.
33 *at* Weſt. Ric. de Windſor, Ric. Fokeram.
34 *Council at* Lond. John de Lentham, Ric. de Windſore.
35 *P at* Carliſle, Hugh le Blund, John de la Heuſe.

## EDWARD II.

1 *P. at* Northton, Roger de Englesfeild, John de la Heſe.
2 *at* Weſt. Ric. Fokeram, Rob. Syndleſham.
4 *at* Weſt. Rob. Sindleſham, Ric. Fokeram.
5 *at* Lond. Rob. de Sindleſham, Ric. de Fokeram.
5 *at* Weſt. Ric. de Windeſore, Rob. de Batelkings.
6 *at* Weſt. Roger de Englefeld, Rob. de Sindleſham.
6 *at* Weſt. John de Newenham, Hugh de Blunt.
6 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Foxle, Ric. de Paynel.
7 *at* Weſt. John Newenham, Hugh le Blund.
8 *at* Weſt. John de Newenham, Rob. Batelkings.
8 *at* York, Ric. Rivers, Hen. de Chelrey.
9 *at* Linc. Rob. Batelking.
9 *Council at* Weſt. John de Newenham, Rob. Batelkings.
10 *at* Weſt. John de Newenham, Rob. Batelkings.
12 *P. at* York, Ric. de Shupene, John de Newenham.
12 *at* York, John de Newenham, Rob. de Haddeley.
15 *at* York, Rob. Achard, Rob. de Waltham.
16 *at* York, Rob. de Waltham, Rob. de Lollebroks.
17 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Luda, John de Soninghill.
18 *at* Lond. Ric. de Waledon, John Vachel.
19 *at* Weſt. John de Bourton, Peter de Botiller.

EDWARD

## EDWARD III.

1 P. at Linc. Gilbert de Ellesfeld, Tho. de Foxle.
1 at Northton, Gilbert le Fitz, John de Brumpton.
1 at West. John de St. Philbert, John de Brumpton.
2 at New Sarum, Peter de la Heose, Edm. Danvers.
2 at York, Gilbert de Ellesfeld, Peter Deketon.
2 at Northton. Gilbert de Ellesfeld, Tho. de Coudray.
2 at York, Gilbert Fitz John de Elefeld, John de Brompton.
3 at New Sarum, Peter de la Heose, Edm Danvers.
4 at West. John de Kingston, John Hildesly.
4 at Winch. John Vachel, Edm. Danvers.
5 at West. Gilbert de Elsefeld, John de Brumpton.
6 at West. Tho. de Foxle, Ric. Paynell.
6 at West. John de Brumpton, John de Bourghton.
7 at York, Gilbert de Ellesfeld, Warin de Bassyngbourn.
7 at West. Will. de Spersholte, Rob. de Boxhore.
8 at West. James de Wodestok, John Bromy.
8 at York, Will. de Spersholte, Rob. de Boxhore.
9 at York, Gilbert de Elsefeld, Will. de Arches.
10 at West. Gilbert de Elsefeld, James de Wodestok.
11 *Council at* West. Tho. de Foxele, John Bishop.
11 P. at West. Gilbert de Elsefeld, John Golaffre.
11 at West. Adam de Shareshull, John Bruwz.
12 *Council at* Northampton, Phillip Golaffre, Will. de Spersholte.
12 P. at West. John de Newenham, Rob. de Haddeley.
12 at West. Gilbert de Elsefeld, John Golafre.
12 at Camb. Will. Golafre, Laurence Dru.
12 *Council at* Northampton, John Golafre, Will. de Spersholte.
13 P. at West. Edm. de Chollerey, Rob. de Boxore.
13 at West. Will. de Shotesbrok, Hen. de Bokysworth.
14 at West. John de Fienles.
14 at West. Ric. de Paulegh, Will. de Spersholte.
14 at West. Ric. de Grey, Ric. de Penlegh.
14 at West. John de Shobenhengrave, Alan de Sutton.
14 at West. Ric. de Windesore, John le Despoter.
15 at West. John Golafre, Edm. de Chelreye.
17 at West. Tho. de Luda, John de Sunninghill.
17 at West. John Golafre, Tho. de Pentelowe.

18 *P. at* West. John Golafre, Edm. de Chelrey.
18 *at* New Sarum, Ric. de Wale, John Vachell.
20 *at* West. Edm. de Chelrey, Tho. de Pentelowe.
21 *at* West. Tho. de Pentelowe, Rob. Marye.
22 *at* West. John de Fyenles, Edm. de Chelreye.
22 *at* West. Tho. de Pentlowe, Rob. Marye.
24 *at* West. Rob. de Worth, Will. Noiouu.
26 *at* West. John Golafre, Tho. Huſcarle.
26 *Council at* West. Rob. de Waltham.
27 *at* West. Adam de Shareſhull.
28 *P. at* West. Adam de Shareſhull, John Laundels.
29 *at* West. John Golafre, John Laundels.
30 *at* West. Tho. de Beyſiles, Adam de Shareſhull.
31 *at* West. John Golaffre, Tho. de Beyſiles.
32 *at* West. John Golaffre, Tho. de Beſiles.
34 *at* West. Tho. de Beſiley, John de Eſbury.
34 *at* West. John de Trillowe, John Laundels.
35 *at* West. John Trillowe, John Laundels.
36 *at* West. John Trillowe, John Cleete.
37 *at* West. John de Foxle, John de Trillowe.
38 *at* West. John Trillowe, John Eſtbury.
39 *at* West. Nic. Tamworth, John de Eſtbury.
40 *at* West. Nic. de Tamworth, John de Eſtbury.
42 *at* West. Tho. de Beſyles, John de Eſtbury.
43 *at* West. John Foxle, John Trillowe.
45 *at* West. John de Foxle, Tho. de Kyngeſton.
45 *Council at* Winch. John Foxle.
46 *P. at* West. Rob. Treſelyan, Tho. Houton.
47 *at* West. John Foxele, Tho. Langeford.
50 *at* West. John Foxle, *Chr.* Tho. Kentwood.
51 *at* West. Tho. Langford, John Eſtbury.

## RICHARD II.

1 *P. at* West. Ric. Beaumond, Will. de Stratford.
1 *at* West. John Foxle, *Chr.* John Kentwode, *Chr.*
2 *at* Glouc. John Kentwood, Tho. de Langford.
2 *at* West. Tho. de la Mare, *Chr.* Gilbert Shoteſbrok.
3 *at* West. John James *of* Walingford, Ric. Brouns *of* Harewell.
4 *at* Northton, Tho. Langford, Gilbert Shoteſbrok.
5 *at* West Tho de la Mare, John Cifrewaſt.
5 *at* West. Tho. de la Mare, *Chr.* Roger Curſon, *Chr.*
6 *at* West. Rob. Bulbek, Tho. Farungdon.

6 *P. at* Weſt. Tho. de Mare, Will. Golaffre.
7 *at* Weſt. Ric. Bruns, Tho. Temſe.
8 *at* New Sarum, Ric. Bruns, Tho. Cattewyks.
8 *at* Weſt. Ric. Bruns, John Arches.
9 *at* Weſt. Ric. Bruns, Laurence Drewe.
10 *at* Weſt. Gilbert Talbot, *Chr.* Ric. Bruns.
11 *at* Weſt. Edm. Sperſholt, Laurence Dru.
12 *at* Camb. Will. Gollaffre, Laurence Dreue.
13 *at* Weſt. John Kentwood, *Chr.* Ric. Brounce.
14 *at* Weſt. Tho. Chelreye, John Arche.
15 *at* Weſt. Laurence Drewe, John Eſturmy.
16 *at* Winch. John Kentwood, *Chr.* Edm. Sperſholt.
17 *at* Weſt. Ric. Abberbury, *Jun. Chr.* Will. Langford, *Chr.*
18 *at* Weſt. Will. *atte* Wode, Will. Bruns.
20 *at* Weſt. Ric. Abberbury, *Jun.* Rob. James.
21 *at* Weſt. John Englefeld, John Hertington.

## HENRY IV.

1 *P. at* Weſt. Edm. Sperſholt, Rob. James.
2 *at* Weſt. John Golafre, Tho. Glouceſter.
4 *at* Weſt. John Arches, Rob. James.
5 *at* Weſt. Will. Langford, Edmund Sperſholt.
6 *at* Coventry, John Golafre, John Arches.
8 *at* Weſt. Laurence Dru, Tho. Chelray.
9 *at* Glouc. John Golafre, Edm. Sperſholt.

## HENRY V.

1 *P. at* Weſt. John Golafre, Rob. de la Mare.
2 *at* Leic. John Golafre, Edm. Sperſholt.
2 *at* Weſt. Laurence Dru, John Shoteſbroke.
3 *at* Weſt. Peter Beſils, *Chr.* John Golaffre.
5 *at* Weſt. Rob. de la Mare, Tho. Rothewell.
8 *at* Weſt. John Golaffre, Edm. Sperſholt.
8 *at* Weſt. Will. Danvers, Tho. Rothewell.
9 *at* Weſt. Will. Danvers, Will. Perkins.

## HENRY VI.

1 *P. at* Weſt. John Golaffre, Will. Fynderne.
2 *at* Weſt. Peter Beſils, *Chr.* John Shoteſbroke, *Chr.*
3 *at* Weſt. Tho. Foxle, Ric. Reſtwold.
4 *at* Leic. John Golafre, Will. Warbulton.
5 *at* Weſt. John Golafre, Will. Daunvers. 8 *P.*

8 *P. at* West. John Golafre, Will. Perkins.
9 *at* West. Will. Warbulton, Will. Danvers.
13 *at* West. Will. Findern, Will. Perkins.
15 *at* Camb. Stephen Haytfeild, Will. Danvers.
20 *at* West. Ric. Restwold, Tho. Drew.
25 *at* Camb. John Chalers, John Norris.
27 *at* West. John Norris, John Rogers.
29 *at* West. John Norris, Edw. Langford.
29 *at* West. Edw. Langford, John Norris.
31 *at* Reading, John Rogers, Tho. Norys.
38 *at* Coventry, Edw. Langford, Will. Norris.
38 *at* West. Rob. Harecourt, Kt. Tho. Roger, Kt.

## EDWARD IV.

6 *P. at* West. John Prout, Tho. Walronds.
12 *at* West. Tho. de la Mare, John Parry.
17 *at* West. Humfry Talbot, Kt. John Norris, Esq;

The Writs, Returns, and Indentures, from 17 *Edw.* 4. to the 1st of *Edw.* 6. (except an imperfect Bundle of 33. *Hen.* 8.) are all lost throughout *England.*

## HENRY VIII.

33 *P. at* West. Will. Essex, Kt. Tho. Verdon, Esq;

## EDWARD VI.

1 *P. at* West. Tho. Nores, *Gent. of the Bed-Chamber*, Henry Norris, *Gent.*
6 *at* West. Hen. Nevyll, Will. Fitz Williams, Kt.

## MARY.

1 *P. at* West. Fra. Englefeild, Kt. Will. Hyde, Esq;
1 *at* Oxford, Ric. Brydges, Kt. Will. Hyde, Esq;

## PHILIP & MARY.

1 & 2 *P. at* West. Fra. Englefeild, Kt. Ric. Bridges, Kt.

2 & 3 P. at West. Fra. Englefeild, Kt. Will. Hyde, Esq;
4 & 5 at West. Fra. Englefeild, Kt. John Fetyplace, Esq;

## ELIZABETH.

1 P. at West. . . . . .
5 at West. Hen. Nevill, Kt. John Cheyne.
13 at West Hen. Nevill, Kt. Ric. Warde, Esq;
* *In his Place deceas'd.* 14 at West. Edw. Unton, Kt. * Will. Forster, Esq;
27 at West. Hen. Nevill, Kt. Edw. Unton.
28 at West. Edw. Hunton, Esq; Tho. Parry, Esq;
Will. Norreys, Esq; 31 at West. Hen. Norris, Kt. Edw. Hobby, Kt.
35 at West. Hen. Unton, Kt. Humfry Forster, Kt.
39 at West. Hen. Norris, Kt. Fra. Knollys, Kt.
43 at West. Ric. Lovelace, Kt. George Hide, Esq;

## JAMES I.

1 P. at West. . . . . .
12 at West. . . . . .
18 at West. Ric. Lovelace, Kt. Rob. Knollys, Kt.
21 at West. Ric. Harrison, Kt. Edw. Dunche, Esq;

## CHARLES I.

1 P. at West. Edm. Dunche, Kt. Fra. Knowles, *Sen.* Kt.
1 at West. Edm. Dunche, Kt. John Fettiplace, Esq;
3 at West. John Fettiplace, Esq; Ric. Harrison, Kt.
15 at West. John Fettiplace, Esq; Hen. Martin, Esq;
16 at West. John Fettiplace, Esq; Hen. Martin, Esq;

## CHARLES II.

12 P. at West. Ric. Pye, Kt. Ric. Powle, Esq;
† *In his Place call'd to the House of Peers,* Ric. Nevile, Esq; 13 at West. † John Lovelace, Esq; Ric. Powle, Kt.
31 at West. Humfry Forester, Bar. Will. Barker, Esq;
31 at West. Will. Barker, Esq; Ric. Southby, Esq;
32 at Oxford, Will. Barker, Esq; Ric. Southby, Esq;

## JAMES II.

1 P. at West. Humfry Forster, Bar. Ric. Southby, Esq;

WILLIAM

## WILLIAM and MARY.

1 *P. at* West. *Hon.* Mountague Bertie, *Lord* Norris, Hen. Winchcombe, Bar.
2 *P. at* West. Hen. Winchcombe, Bar. Humfry Forſter, Bar.

## WILLIAM III.

7 *P. at* West. Humfry Forſter, Bar. Ric. Nevile, Eſq;
10 *at* West. Humfry Forſter, Bar. Ric. Nevile, Eſq;
12 *at* West. Humfry Forſter, Bar. Ric. Nevile, Eſq;
13 *at* West. John Stonehouſe, Bar. Ric. Nevile, Eſq;

## ANNE.

1 *P. at* West. John Stonehouſe, Bar. Ric. Nevile, Eſq;
4 *at* West. Ric. Nevile, Eſq; John Stonehouſe, Bar.
7 *at* West. John Stonehouſe, Bar. Ric. Nevile, Eſq;
9 *at* West. John Stonehouſe, Bar. * *Rt. Hon.* Hen. St. John, Eſq; *Principal Secretary of State.*
12 *at* West. John Stonehouſe, Bar. *Comptroller of the Houſhold,* Robert Packer, Eſq;

* *In his Place made Viſc.* Bolingbrook, Rob. Packer, Eſq;

BOROUGH

# BOROUGH OF NEW-WINDSOR.

*Camden's Brit. p. 143.*

THIS Place, call'd by the *Saxons* Wyndelsbora, from the winding Banks on the River *Thames*, on which it is ſcituate, was by *Edward the Confeſſor* granted to *Weſtminſter-Abby*, tho' it did not continue long in the Poſſeſſion of the Monks; for the Abbot rendred it back again, in Lieu of other Lands, to *Will.* I. who being thus poſſeſs'd of *Windſor*, forthwith built a Caſtle upon the Hill, which we find, by *Doomſday* Book, contain'd *half a hide of Land, which half hide is there noted to be Parcel of the Manour of* Clure, *now call'd* Cluworth, *which Manour defended it ſelf for five Hides.* This Caſtle King *Henry* I. re-edify'd, where he held his *Whitſontide*, in the 10th Year of his Reign, ſummoning all his Nobility hither, the pleaſant Scituation thereof inducing him, and many of our Princes,

*Monaſtic. Anglican. Vol. 1. p. 61.*

*Aſhmole's Order of the Garter, p. 128.*

es, his Succeſſors, to make Choice of it for a lace of Retirement; particularly King *Ed-* *Leland's I-*
*ard* III, who, taking Affection to *Windſor*, *tin. Vol. 9.*
n Account of being born here, enlarg'd the *p. 94, &c.*
aſtle ſo much in Building, employing *and Aſh-*
ork-men from the 34th to the 43d Year of *mole's Or-*
is Reign, that to him is owing its preſent *der of the*
Magnificence, which our ſucceeding Kings *Garter.*
ave improv'd to ſuch a Degree, eſpecially ing *Charles* the IId, by Painting and other rnaments, that it has rendred it in all Reſpects the compleateſt and moſt beautiful Pace in *England*. To give a Deſcription of his Caſtle and Town, which by our King's eſidence has been encreas'd ſo in building, hat it may challenge the Pre-eminence of a- y Town in the County, will be ſuperfluous ere, it being by Mr. *Aſhmole*, in his Accuate Hiſtory of the *Garter*, publiſh'd *Anno* 678, ſo well deſcrib'd by moſt curious Sculpures repreſenting this Caſtle and Town. Howver, in few Words it may not be improper o obſerve, That the ſaid King *Edward* III, y his Military Proweſs, prevailing over ſeeral Princes in *Europe*, ſent two Kings, *viz.* ohn King of *France*, and *David* King of *Scotnd*, Priſoners hither; and at length inſtitued a moſt Noble Order, call'd the *Garter*, onſiſting of twenty ſix Knights, of which ivers Princes have had the Honour to be ompanions: Appointed the Ceremony of nſtallation in the Collegiate Church here by im founded, which is perform'd in a moſt oble and pompous Manner. The Biſhops of *incheſter* and *Saliſbury*, and Dean of this Church,

Church, by their Offices or Places, with divers of the Nobility aſſiſting, &c. as may be ſeen at large in the ſaid Mr. *Aſhmole*'s Account of the ſame, to which I ſhall refer the Reader, and alſo for the Hiſtory of the Collegiate Church, wherein lye Interr'd the Bodies of King *Hen.* VI, born in this Caſtle, and his Succeſſor, *Edw.* IV, (who rebuilt the curious Fabrick of the Church, or Chapel, now in Being) and King *Henry* VIII, and King *Charles* the Martyr. Which Church is govern'd by a Dean and twelve Canons, who have Juriſdiction over divers Peculiars, as the *Manour of Honour* of *Windſor* has over abundance of Lordſhips.

As to other Matters of Note, it may be here obſerv'd, that the Office of Conſtable of this Caſtle is eſteem'd a great Title of Honour; and that touching ſuch as have deriv'd other Titles from thence, it muſt not be pretermitted, that an honourable Family, ſirnam'd *de Windſor*, who fetch their Original from *Walter*, the Son of *Other*, Caſtellan of *Windſor*, *temp. Will.* I. were ſummon'd to Parliament, by the Title of Lord *Windſor*, *November* 3. *Anno* 1529. 21 *Henry* 8. among the Barons, whoſe Iſſue male failing, King *Charles* II. by Letters Patent, dated 16 *Jan. Anno* 1660, confirm'd *Thomas Windſor Hickman*, Eſq; (Son of *Dixey Windſor*, Eſq; by *Elizabeth*, eldeſt Siſter and Co-heir to *Thomas* the laſt Lord *Windſor*, who dy'd *Anno* 1642.) Baron *Windſor*, whom he alſo made by Letters-Patent dated 6 *Decemb.* *Anno* 1682, Earl of *Plimouth*, in which Honour he was ſucceeded by

*Camden's Britan. p.* 147.

*Laws of Honour*, p. 88.

by his Grandſon the preſent Earl, whoſe Son is ſtil'd Lord *Windſor*, with the Title of Viſcount, of which, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, *Thomas* Lord *Mountjoy*, another of the firſt Earl of *Plimouth*'s Sons, Uncle to the preſent Earl, was dignify'd, *A.* 1699, by King *William* the 3d. *Laws of Hon. p.* 192.

The Town of *Windſor*, which ever ſince K. *William the Conqueror*'s Time has belong'd to the Crown, conſiſts of ſeveral Streets, divers of which lie about the Caſtle; tho' the principal one, which is adorn'd with very good Buildings, and an handſom Town-Hall, built *temp. Car.* II. lies South-wards; and that it grew to its preſent Largeneſs, is owing, as aforeſaid, to its Caſtle, the Building of which, *Camden* tells us, occaſion'd the Decay of *Old Windſor*, out of the Ruins of which it aroſe, it being chiefly ſince *Edward* the 3d's Time advanc'd to what it now is. But, notwithſtanding this, 'twas a conſiderable Town before, being conſtituted a free Borough by *Edw.* I. and had great Privileges granted to it, by his Charter, in the 5th Year of his Reign; which, foraſmuch as it deſcribes the antient Form of making Boroughs, I ſhall here inſert (referring the Reader to thoſe of later Days, belonging to this Town, which he may find printed in *Brady*'s *Hiſtory of Boroughs*, p. 38. & 84. and in *Bohun*'s *Debates in Parliament*, p. 332 & 333. where are given us, by *Inſpeximus*, a View of this Charter) which is as follows. *Britannia*, *p.* 147.

*Dodſworth's Collect. in Biblioth. Bodl. Oxon. Vol. 25.*

*Edwardus Dei Gratia, &c. Salutem. Sciatis quod conceſſimus pro nobis & hæredibus noſtris, quod Villa noſtra de nova Windeſore de cætero liber Burgus ſit, & quod probi Homines noſtri ejuſdem Villæ, & eorum Hæredes & Succeſſores liberi Burgenſes ſint, & Gildam Mercatoriam habeant, & eiſdem Libertatibus & liberis Conſuetudinibus utantur in eodem Burgo, quibus alii Burgenſes aliorum Burgorum noſtrorum in Regno noſtro rationabiliter uſi ſunt, & quod quieti ſint de Theoloneo præſtando in omnibus Burgis, & Villis, & Dominicis, per totum Regnum noſtrum prædictum, & quod habeant Porcos ſuos proprios de Pannagio, quod dicitur Fencake, quietos in Burgo prædicto. Et quod Juſticiarii noſtri in Comitatu Berks, itinerantes tam ad Communia Placita quam ad Placita Foreſtarum, Itinera ſua de cætero teneant in eodem Burgo. Et etiam quod capitalis Gaola noſtra ejuſdem Comitatus ſit in ipſo Burgo Liberatio dictæ Gaolæ ſemper facienda ibidem. Quare volumus & firmiter præcipimus, &c. Hiis Teſtibus, &c. Dat per Manum noſtram apud Windeſore, 28 Die Maii, Anno Regni noſtri quinto.*

As to Returns of Members of Parliament, I find this Borough intermitted ſending from 14 *Edw.* 3. to 25 *Hen.* 6. no Doubt, by Indulgence of the Crown; and notwithſtanding the Election of the ſame, with all other Matters relating to the Government of the Town, is veſted in the Corporation, as appears by a Charter made, *Anno* 1. *Jac.* 1. which was confirm'd of late, *Anno* 1685, 1 *Jac.* 2. The Choice of the Repreſentatives is now made by the Inhabitants at large, in Num-

*Brady of Boroughs, p.* 184.

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ber about three hundred; and the Indenture is executed by the Sheriff of the one Part, and the Mayor and Inhabitants of the other.

The Manour of this Borough was granted by King *James* I; or rather leas'd to the Corporation by the ſame King, in the firſt Year of his Reign, they paying to the Crown a Quit-Rent of 4*l.* 4*s.* 5*d. per Annum.* *Pat. Jacobi primi*, A. 1.

The Corporation conſiſts of a Mayor, two Bailiffs, and of twenty eight other Perſons, who are directed to be choſen out of the beſt and moſt worthy Inhabitants of the Borough, thirteen of which are to be call'd *Fellows*, or *Benchers* of the *Guild-Hall*, and of thoſe ſaid thirteen ten were to be call'd *Aldermen*, or cheif *Benchers*, out of which the *Mayor* was to be choſen, and the two *Bailiffs*. The Names of the Burgeſſes that I find have ſery'd in Parliament, are as follows. *Bohun's Collect. of Debates in Parl. p.* 332.

## EDWARD I.

30 *P. at* Lond. Tho. Shaw, Hen. Bedeford.
33 *at* Weſt. *Nullum Reſponſum.*
34 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Shaw, Hen. de Brumpton,
35 *at* Carliſle, John Golde, Hen. Bedeforde.

## EDWARD II.

1 *P. at* Northton, John Gould, Edw. Brumpton.
4 *at* Weſt. Edm. de Brampton, Will. *atte* Chambre.
6 *at* Weſt. Tho. Shaw, Phillip *atte* Hathe.
7 *at* Weſt. Tho. Shaw, Phillip *atte* Hathe.
12 *at* Weſt. John Fedwyne, Tho. Holebode.
15 *at* York, Phillip Hay, Will. Davy.
16 *at* Winch. Tho. Holbode, John Fedwyne,

## EDWARD III.

1 P. *at* York, Robert Pertſhorne, Tho. Holide.
1 *at* Linc. Will. Holbode, Will. Greene.
2 at Northton. Will. Mawardyn, Will. *atte* Greene.
4 at Winch. Will. Mordyn, John Mildenhall.
4 *at* Weſt. Ric. Horſlee, Robert Spelmere.
5 *at* Weſt. Rob. de Perſhore, John de Warriner.
9 *at* Weſt. John le Warriner, Hen. Wy.
14 *at* Weſt. John de Brumpton, Phillip *atte* Hathe.

## HENRY VI.

25 P. *at* Camb. Roger Faſnam, Roger Scherman.
27 *at* Weſt. Will. Towe, Roger Scherman.
28 *at* Weſt. Ric. Forſter, Hen. Fraunceys.
29 *at* Weſt. Ric. Forſter, Roger Scherman.
31 *at* Reading, Ric. Forſter, Roger Scherman.
38 *at* Weſt. John Toller, John Frampton.

## EDWARD IV.

7 P. *at* Weſt. Will. Evinton, Hen. Franceis.
12 *at* Weſt. Will. Lovell, Will. Evinton.
17 *at* Weſt. Will. Evinton, John Joye.

## HENRY VIII.

33 P. *at* Weſt. Ric. Ward, Eſq; W———

## EDWARD VI.

1 P. *at* Weſt. Ric. Ward, Eſq; Edw. Weldon, Gent.
6 *at* Weſt. Ric. Ward, Roger Amyce.

## MARY.

1 P. *at* Weſt. Ric. Warde, Tho. Goede.
1 *at* Oxford, Ric. Warde, Eſq; Tho. Butler, Eſq;

PHILIP

## PHILIP & MARY.

1 & 2 P. *at* West. Ric. Ward, Will. Norreys.
& 3 *at* West. Ric. Hourd, Esq; Will. Norrys.
& 5 *at* West. Will. Hanley, Will. Norrys, Gent.

## ELIZABETH.

1 P. *at* West. Tho. Welden, Roger Amyce.
*at* West. Ric. Callys, Gent. John Gresham, Gent.
*at* West. John Thompson, Esq; Humfry Michell, Esq;
*at* West. Edw. Dockwra, Esq; *Ric. Gallys, Gent.
*at* West. Hen. Nevill, Esq; John Crooke, *Jun.* Esq;
*at* West. Hen. Nevill, Geo. Woodwarde.
*at* West. Edw. Nevill, Esq; Edw. Huke, Gent.
*at* West. Hen. Nevill, Esq; Edw. Nevill, Esq;
*at* West. Julius Cæsar, *I. L. D.* John Norrys, Esq;
*at* West. Julius Cæsar, *L. L. D.* John Norrys, Esq;

* *In his Place, deceas'd,* Humfry Michell, Esq;

## JAMES I.

1 P. *at* West. Sam Backhouse, * Tho. Durdent, Esq;
12 *at* West. . . . . .
18 *at* West. Cha. Howard, Kt. Rob. Bennet, Kt.
21 *at* West. Edw. Sawyer, Esq; Tho. Woodward, Esq;

* *In his Place, deceas'd,* Fra. Hoar, Kt.

## CHARLES I.

1 P. *at* West. Will. Hewett, Kt. Rob. Bennet, Kt.
1 *at* West. Will. Russel, Kt. Humphrey Newbery, Esq;
3 *at* West. Will. Beecher, Kt. Tho. Hewett, Esq;
15 *at* West. Arthur Ingram, Kt. Ric. Harrison, Kt.
16 *at* West. Tho. Rowe, Kt. Tho. Walter, Esq;
*Cornelius Holland, Esq; Ric. Winwood, Esq;*

## CHARLES II.

2 P. *at* West. Alex. Baker, Esq; Roger Palmer, Esq; *by one Indenture,* Ric. Winwood, Esq; *by another.*
13 *at* West. Ric. Braham, Kt. Tho. Higgons, Esq;
31 *at* West. John Earnley, Kt. John Powney, Esq;

31 P. *at* West. John Powney, Esq; John Cary, Esq; *by one Indenture*, Sam. Starkey, Esq; Ric. Winwood, Esq; *by another. Double Return. The first Indenture taken off.*

32 *at* Oxford, Sam. Starkey, Esq; Ric. Winwood, Esq;

## JAMES II.

1 P. *at* West. Will. Chiffinch, Esq; Ric. Graham, Esq;

## WILLIAM & MARY.

1 P. *at* West. Hen. Powle, Algernoon May, Esq;

2 *at* West. Christopher Wren, Kt. Baptist May, Esq; *In their Places unduly elected*, Charles Porter, Kt. * Will. Adderley, Esq;

* *In his Place, deceas'd*, William Scawen, Esq;

## WILLIAM III.

7 P. *at* West. *Hon.* John *Viscount* Fitzharding, William Scawen, Esq;

10 *at* West. *Rt. Hon.* John *Viscount* Fitzharding, Ric. Topham, Esq;

12 *at* West. *Rt. Hon.* John *Viscount* Fitzharding, Ric. Topham, Esq;

13 *at* West. *Rt. Hon.* John *Viscount* Fitzharding, Ric. Topham, Esq;

## ANNE.

1 P. *at* West. *Rt. Hon.* John *Viscount* Fitzharding, Ric. Topham, Esq;

4 *at* West. *Rt. Hon.* John *Viscount* Fitzharding, Ric. Topham, Esq;

7 *at* West. *Rt. Hon.* John *Viscount* Fitzharding, Ric. Topham, Esq;

9 *at* West. ‡ Will. Paul, Esq; Ric. Topham, Esq;

12 *at* West. Christ. Wren, Esq; Cha. Aldworth, Esq;

‡ *In his Place, deceas'd*, Samuel Masham, Esq; *in whose Place, made a Peer*, viz. *Lord* Masham, Charles Aldworth, Esq;

# BOROUGH OF READING.

THIS Town, call'd by the *Saxons* Rheadȳge (of *Rhea*, that is, *River*, or of the *British* Word *Redin*, signifying *Fern*, which grew in great Plenty thereabouts) was famous in the time of the *Saxons*, for several Scenes of actions between them and the *Danes*, who, *Anno* 871, taking Possession of this Place, held a considerable Garrison here, which they quitting the next Year, and the *Saxons* repossessing themselves thereof, occasion'd them, upon their Return, to plunder the Town, and destroy all they could find; which they repeated again, *Anno* 1006. Nevertheless the Town sufficiently recover'd it self; and, at the Time of the *Norman Survey*, was rated at 48 l.

*Camden's Britannia*, p. 142.

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq.* p. 34.

*Item p.* 38.

*Item p.* 46.

481. *tho', in King* Edward's *Time, at* 40 *when it defended it ſelf for forty three Hide and was then, and in King* William's *Time held as the King's Demeſne-Land, who had in the Borough of* Redinges, *in the Hundred of* Redinges, *twenty eight* Hagas, *or Houſes,* which ſhews it to be then a Borough, tho' over-look'd by Dr. *Brady,* in his *Hiſtory of Boroughs,* p. 41) and not long after, *viz.* in the Time of *Henry* I. it grew famous on Account of a moſt magnificent Abby by him here founded, *Anno* 1124, which he built between the two Rivers of *Kennet* and *Thames* for the Receptacle of Travellers paſſing the greateſt Towns in *England,* and endowed with great Privileges, beſtowing on the ſame all the Churches and Chapels. *&c.* Pleas and Suits of Courts, *&c.* within and without the Borough of *Reading,* with divers other moſt ample Immunities; all which were confirmed by his Grandſon *Henry* II, who, in regard that the antient Caſtle here had been a Place of Refuge for King *Stephen*'s Party, demoliſh'd it, ſo that at this Time nothing remained but the Name, given to a Street, at the End of which in all Likelihood it ſtood.

*Doomſday-Book.*

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq.*

*Monaſtic. Angl. Vol.* 1. *p.* 417.

*Monaſtic. Angl. Vol.* 1. *p.* 418.

*Leland's Itin. Vol.* 9. *p.* 82.

But to return. This Abby, dedicated to the Honour of the *Holy Trinity,* St. *James,* and St. *John* the Evangeliſt, for goodly Structure and Riches, equalling moſt in *England,* continued the chiefeſt Ornament of this Town 'till the Diſſolution. Its Abbots, which were twenty nine in Number, who had their Seats in the *Houſe of Lords,* as Parliamentary Barons, were remarkable for their Hoſpitality and

*M. S. Coll. Abbat. Reading.*

and good Government, which recommended two of them to Arch-biſhopricks, *viz. Roan* and *Bourdeaux* in *France*; to the firſt of which Places one was preferr'd by the Founder, King *Henry* I, who, departing this Life *Anno* 1135, was ſolemnly interr'd (together with his Queen, and, as ſome Authors ſay, his Daughter *Maud*, the Empreſs, and ſeveral of the Royal Family and Nobility) in this Conventual Church. But neither could their Aſhes, or the Imprecations at the founding this Religious Structure, menac'd in the Foundation-Charter, prevent the defacing it; for the whole was ſoon after the *Reformation*, reduc'd to a confus'd Heap of Ruins, and the Monaſtery converted into a Stable for Horſes; which profane Act is thus lamented by a modern Poet,

*Monaſtic. Angl. Vol.* 1. *p.* 418.

*Haccine ſed Pietas? Heu! Dira Piacula, primus*
*Neuſtrius Henricus ſitus hic, inglorius Urna*
*Nunc jacet ejectus, Tumulum novus Advena quærit*
*Fruſtra; nam Regi tenues invidit Arenas*
*Auri ſacra fames, Regum metuenda Sepulcris.*

*Sandford's Genealog. Hiſt. p.* 28.

That this Abby far'd thus at the *Diſſolution*, may be conjectur'd by its falling into the Hands of the Duke of *Somerſet*, and the Religious Reſoluteneſs of its laſt Abbot, *Hugh Faringdon*, who, for not yielding up the ſame, ſuffer'd Death, with two of his Monks, *viz.* *Rug* and *Onion*, on the 14th of *November*, *Anno* 1539, being hang'd, drawn, and quarter'd at *Reading*, becauſe he would not be prevail'd upon to reſign his Truſt, which he had exe-

*Stow's Chron. p.* 577.

cuted for near twenty Years with great Diligence, being (notwithſtanding what ſome Authors ſay of his Ignorance) a religious and learned Man, and a great Encourager of the Univerſity of *Oxford*.

*Hall's Chron. p.* 237.

But notwithſtanding the Downfal of this Abby, and other Religious Foundations, this Town ſtill continues the largeſt in this County, being adorn'd with three Pariſh-Churches, *viz.* St. *Mary*'s, built, as ſuppos'd, where the Nunnery ſtood in the Time of the *Saxons*; St. *Laurence*, beyond the River *Kennet*; and St. *Giles*, at the fartheſt End of the Town, whoſe Scituations, and the Diſpoſition of the Streets, being repreſented in a Draught made in *Speed*'s Maps, I ſhall thither refer, and only add, That from an honeſt Family of Clothiers, (which is the chief Trade in this Town) ſprung that moſt pious and learned Martyr Arch-biſhop *Laud*; from whoſe Birth the Town derives no ſmall Reputation, as its Poor do benefit, by his liberal founding and endowing an Hoſpital.

*Leland's Itin. Vol.* 2. *p.* 4.

As to Titles of Honour, I don't find that this Place ever gave any 'till King *Charles* I, *Anno Regni* 20, creating Sir *Jacob Aſtley* a Peer, made him Baron *Aſtley* of *Reading*.

*Dugd. Bar. Vol.* 2. *p.* 473.

And touching Repreſentatives in Parliament, this Borough, flouriſhing greatly in Trade, ever ſent its Members; neither did it plead any Exemption, notwithſtanding the great Power of its Abbots, which ſhelter'd all the great Parliamentary Abby-Towns before *Henry* the 8th's Time, except *Colcheſter*, *Shrewſbury*, and *Malmeſbury*; and of ſo great Reception

Reception it was *temp. Hen.* 3. that in the 25th Year of his Reign, a Parliament was held here; and again, *Anno* 41, a Council; and alſo, *Anno* 31 *Hen.* 6, another Parliament was ſummon'd to meet here, which was held accordingly, in the *Chamber of Refectory*, within the Abby of *Reading*, where ſeveral Laws were enacted; and *A.* 1625, the 1ſt of K. *Charles* I, the Term was kept in this Town.

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p.* 228. 250. *Brevia Parliamentar. in Turri Lond. Dugd. Sum. Parl. p.* 446. *Keeble's Statutes.*

The Election of Members of Parliament for this Place, is in the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty; and the Number of Electors are upwards of ſix hundred.

The Mannor of this Town, with the Scite of the Monaſtery, I find was aſſign'd by King *James* the 1ſt, after the Death of his Royal Conſort Queen *Anne*, (whoſe Dowry it was) to his Son Prince *Charles*, in Augmentation of his Revenue: But it is now, as I am inform'd, veſted in the Corporation; the governing Part of which, conſiſts of a Mayor, twelve Aldermen, and as many Burgeſſes, with other Officers.

## EDWARD I.

23 P. *at* Weſt. Geffry de Engleys, Elias de Barinby.
29 *at* Linc. Tho. Syward, Tho. de Leyceſtre.
30 *at* Lond. Walter Gerrard, Will. Bonafaunt.
33 *at* Weſt. John le Akatur, Will. Bonenfant.
34 *at* Weſt. Adam de Pulater, Tho. Siward.
35 *at* Carliſle, Tho. de Farle, Tho. de Arderne.

## EDWARD II.

1 P. *at* Northton. Tho. Siward, John Siward.
2 *at* Weſt. Will. Bonefaunt, Tho. Siward.
4 *at* Weſt. Hen. le Greywell, Adam le Pulter.
5 *at* Lond. Hen. de Greywell, Adam le Pulter.

5 *P. at* Weſt. Adam le Pulter, Hen. de Greywell.
6 *at* Weſt. Roger Couſin, John de Stokes.
7 *at* Weſt. Roger Couſin, John de Stokes.
8 *at* Weſt. Hen. de Worceſter, Will. le Peyntour.
8 *at* Weſt. Adam le Palmer, Will. Tilkytero.
12 *at* York, Adam le Hornere, John de Stoke.
12 *at* York, Tho. Langeton. John Buckhorne.
15 *at* York, Adam le Horner, Walter Beyvyn.
16 *at* Weſt. Nic. *atte* Heath, John Aldermanſton.
17 *at* Weſt. John Syward, John de Stow.
19 *at* Weſt. John Lakatour, John Syward.

## EDWARD III.

1 *P. at* York, Will. Wyanham, John Aunger.
1 *at* Linc. Ric. Wytote, Hen. Wyceſtre.
2 *at* York, Will. de Wyttenham, Ric. Whitote.
2 *at* Northton. John Aunger, Hen. de Wyrceſtre.
4 *at* Winch. Adam le Horner, Ric. Wytote.
4 *at* Weſt. Will. Wittenham, John Pangebourn.
7 *at* Weſt. John Goldſmith, Will. Wittenham.
8 *at* York, John le Goldſmith, Will. de Wittenham.
9 *at* York, John Goldſmith, Hugh Ughtred,
9 *at* Weſt. Hen. Foliot, John Aunger.
10 *at* Weſt. Hen. Foliot, John Aunger.
11 *Council at* Weſt. John de Alremanſton, Hen. Foliot, Walter Staunton.
11 *P. at* Weſt. John le Harpere, John Aunger.
12 *at* Weſt. Adam le Horner, John Aunger.
12 *Council at* Northton. Tho. de Oſeneye, John Aunger.
13 *P. at* Weſt. David de Breghenok, John Aunger.
14 *at* Weſt. Adam Horner, John Stokes.
14 *at* Weſt. Will. Wittenham, John Aunger.
15 *at* Weſt. John Caplach, John Aunger.
17 *at* Weſt. John Sward, John de Stoke.
21 *at* Weſt. John Strachfeild, Tho. Yevedon.
22 *at* Weſt. Tho. Yevynedon, John Stratfeld.
24 *at* Weſt. Ralf de Cornwall, Will. Spenſer.
25 *at* Weſt. Ralf de Cornwall, Will. Spenſer.
29 *at* Weſt. Tho. *atte* Garſton, Tho. Helveldreſth.
31 *at* Weſt. Will. Ward, Rob. Whatemore.
34 *at* Weſt. Will. Ward, Walter Whatemore.
34 *at* Weſt. Will. Ward, Tho. Clerk.
36 *at* Weſt. Will. Ward, Hen. le Rover.

37 *P.*

7 P. at Weſt. Will. Ward, John Fowles.
8 at Weſt. Tho. Mortmayne, John Wymondle.
9 at Weſt. John Farham, Tho. Mittayne.
12 at Weſt. Will. Thorp, Will. *atte* Grove.
13 at Weſt. Will. Cate, Hen. Roper.
15 *Council at* Winch. Will. Catour.
16 P. at Weſt. Hen. Roper, John *atte* Hyde.
20 at Weſt. Reginald Sheffeld, John Goldory.

## RICHARD II.

1 P. at Winch. Will. Colour, David *atte* Heath.
1 at Weſt. Tho. Smith, Hen. Ropere.
2 at Glouc. Walter Bead, David *atte* Heath.
3 at Weſt. Will. Dauntſey, Ric. Solham.
5 at Weſt. John Kent, Will. Derby.
6 at Weſt. John Hunt, Ric. Glovere.
7 at Weſt. John Kent, *Mercer*, Tho. Drovere.
7 at New Sarum, John Balet, Ric. Burton.
8 at Weſt. Hen. Barbour, Walter *atte* Greene.
9 at Weſt. Tho. Smith, John Doublet.
10 at Weſt. Rob. *atte* Lee, Will. Stapper.
11 at Weſt. David *atte* Hatche, Ric. Bedull.
12 at Camb. John Balet, Nic. Fachel.
13 at Weſt. John Kent, Rob. Cupplade.
15 at Weſt. Hen. Barbour, John Doublet.
18 at Weſt. Will. Shortwade, John Ide.

## HENRY IV.

1 P. at Weſt. Rob. Hay, John Hunt.
8 at Weſt. John Merkham, Will. Kennet.
11 at Weſt. John White, Alexander Colſhull.

## HENRY V.

1 P. at Weſt. Will. Wynton, Ric. Farley.
2 at Leic. Tho. Haſtinge. John Clerk.
3 at Weſt. Tho. Levington, Will. Muſtard.
5 at Weſt. Stephen Stapping, John Puecote.
7 at Weſt. Phil. Richard, John Hunt.
7 at Weſt. Rob. Morys, Ric. Crow.
8 at Weſt. Tho. Levington, John Veyre.
9 at Weſt. John Hunt, Will. King.

HENRY

## HENRY VI.

1 *P. at* Weſt. Tho. Levington, Simon Porter,
2 *P. at* Weſt. Tho. Levington, Will. Wilton.
3 *at* Weſt. Tho. Levyngton, Simon Porter.
4 *at* Leic. John Barton, Tho. Swayne.
6 *at* Weſt. Tho. Lavington, Will. Barbour.
8 *at* Weſt. Tho. Lavington, John Kirkby.
9 *at* Weſt. Will. Paron, Tho. Lavington.
11 *at* Weſt. John Kirkby, Simon Porter.
13 *at* Weſt. Tho. Lavington, Simon Porter.
15 *at* Camb. Simon Porter, John Kirkeby.
20 *at* Weſt. Tho. Levington, Rob. Morris.
27 *at* Weſt. Simon Kent, Simon Lodbrook.
29 *at* Weſt. Tho. Bek, John Orpyd.
31 *at* Reading, Will.———
38 *at* Weſt. Torn———

## EDWARD IV.

7 *P. at* Weſt. John Buck, John Wyſton.
12 *at* Weſt. John Bront, Will. Linacre.
17 *at* Weſt. Tho. Beke, Tho. Beſteney.

## HENRY VIII.

33 *P. at* Weſt. Tho. Vachell, Ric. Juſtice, Gent.

## EDWARD VI.

1 *P. at* Weſt. Will. Grey, John Marſhe, Gent.
6 *at* Weſt. John Bourne, *Mayor*, John Winchcomb, Eſq;

## MARY.

1 *P. at* Weſt. Tho. Vachell, Eſq; John Ball, Eſq;
1 *at* Oxf. Rob. Bowyer, John Lovelace, Eſq;

## PHILIP & MARY.

1 & 2 *P. at* Weſt. John Bourne, Edw. Plowden.
2 & 3 *at* Weſt. Tho. Vachell, Eſq; John Bell, *Mayor*.
4 & 5 *at* Weſt. Tho. Aldworthy, John Bell.

ELIZABETH

## ELIZABETH.

P. *at* Weſt. . . . . .
*at* Weſt. Hen. Knolles, Eſq; Rob. Robotham, Eſq;
*at* Weſt. Hen. Knolles, *Jun.* Eſq; John Haſtings, Eſq;
*at* Weſt. Rob. Knolles, Eſq; Fra. Alford.
*at* Weſt. Rob. Knolles, Eſq; Rob. Harris, Eſq;
*at* Weſt. Rob. Knolles, Eſq; Rob. Harris, Eſq;
*at* Weſt. Rob. Knolles, Eſq; Rob. Harris, Eſq;
*at* Weſt. Humfry Donnat, Gent. Cha. Wedneſter, Gent.
*at* Weſt. Humfry Forſter, Kt. Fra. Moor, Eſq;
*at* Weſt. Fra. Moore, Eſq; Anth. Blagrave, Eſq;

## JAMES I.

P. *at* Weſt. Jerome Bowes, Kt. Fra. Moore, Eſq;
*at* Weſt. . . . . .
*at* Weſt. Anth. Barker, Eſq; John Saunders, Eſq;
*at* Weſt. Fra. Knollis, *Jun.* Kt. John Sanders, Eſq;

## CHARLES I.

P. *at* Weſt. Fra. Knowles, *Jun.* Kt. John Saunders, Eſq;
*at* Weſt. Fra. Knowles, *Jun.* Kt. John Saunders, Eſq;
*at* Weſt. Fra. Knollis, Kt. John Sanders, Eſq;
*at* Weſt. Edw. Herbert, *Solicitor General*, John Berkley, Kt.
*at* Weſt. Fra. Knowles, *Sen.* Kt. Fra. Knowls, *Jun.* Kt. *Tanfeild Vachell*, Eſq; *Dan. Blagrave*, Eſq;

## CHARLES II.

P. *at* Weſt. Tho. Rich, Eſq; John Blagrave, Eſq;
*at* Weſt. Tho. Doleman, Kt. Ric. Aldworth, Eſq;
*at* Weſt. John Blagrave, Eſq; Nathan Knight, Eſq;
*at* Weſt. John Blagrave, Eſq; Nathan Knight, Eſq;
*at* Oxford, John Blagrave, Eſq; Nathan Knight, Eſq;

## JAMES II.

P. *at* Weſt. John Breedon, Tho. Coates, Eſq;

## WILLIAM & MARY.

1 *P. at* Weſt. Will. Rich, Bart. Hen. Fane, *Knight of the* Bath.
2 *at* Weſt. Will. Rich, Bart. Hen. Fane, *Knight of the* Bath.

## WILLIAM III.

7 *P. at* Weſt. Will. Rich, Bart. Henry Fane, Kt.
10 *at* Weſt. Owen Buckingham, Kt. John Dalby, Eſq;
12 *at* Weſt. Owen Buckingham, Kt. Fra. Knollys, Eſq;
13 *at* Weſt. Anth. Blagrave, Eſq; Tanfeild Vachell, Eſq;

## ANNE.

1 *P. at* Weſt. Owen Buckingham, Kt. Tanfeild Vachell, Eſq;
4 *at* Weſt. Owen Buckingham, Kt. Tanfeild Vachell, Eſq;
7 *at* Weſt. Owen Buckingham, Eſq; Anthony Blagrave, Eſq;
9 *at* Weſt. Owen Buckingham, Eſq; John Dalby, Eſq;
12 *at* Weſt. Fælix Calvert, Eſq; Rob. Clarges, Eſq;

# BOROUGH OF *WALLINGFORD.*

THIS Place, ſcituate on the Banks of the River *Thames*, call'd by *Antoninus* CALLEVA, by *Ptolomy* CALLENA, inſtead of GALLENA, and by the *Saxons* Guallengaford, or, Gallengaford, and Wallengaford, and now by us *Wallingford*, was heretofore the chief City of the *Attrebatii*, and the Royal Seat of *Comius*, either their original Prince, or appointed ſo by *Caſar*'s Conqueſt, as is manifeſt by two Coins found in theſe Parts, on one of which is this Inſcription, REX CALLE, and on the other REX COM, which are printed in *Camden*'s Preface to his *Britannia*, fol. LXXXIX, and a Draught of the Coins given in his firſt Table. During the Times the *Roman* Arms prevail'd, this was a Place of great Figure, and alſo in the Days of the *Saxons* and *Danes*; the lat-

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p. 5.*

*Camden's Britan. p. 140.*

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p. 5.*

*Ibid. p. 6.*

ter of which are ſaid utterly to have deſtroy'd it *Anno* 1006. However, not long after, *viz.* in *Edward the Confeſſor*'s Reign, it was counted a Borough, and contain'd in it, as we find in *Doomſday-Book*, 276 *Houſes, eight of which were deſtroy'd for the Caſtle*; which, at the Time of the *Norman* Invaſion, was the Seat of *Wigod*, Lord of *Wallingford*, who yielding to the Conqueror after the deciſive Battel of *Haſtings*, entertain'd him here. The ſaid Conqueror, after *Harold*'s Deceaſe, immediately leading his Army to this City, as my Author terms it, and paſſing the *Thames* at a Ford, incamp'd here, where he ſtaid and receiv'd the Submiſſion of *Stigand*, Arch-biſhop of *Canterbury*, and other Grandees, before he march'd to *London*, diſpoſing in Marriage *Aldith*, the only Daughter of the ſaid *Wigod*, to *Robert de Oilly*, who, *Anno* 1084, having Iſſue by her *Maud*, his only Daughter, gave her to Wife to *Miles Criſpin*, with the Caſtle, Town, and whole Honour of *Wallingford*; after whoſe Death ſhe was marry'd a ſecond Time, by the Favour of *Hen.* 1. to *Brian Fitz-Count*, who ſtoutly defended the Caſtle againſt King *Stephen*, who beſieg'd it in vain, the ſaid *Brian* holding it out 'till the Peace ſo much wiſh'd for, was concluded in this Place between that King and *Hen.* 2. After which, this *Brian Fitz-Count*, and *Maud* his Wife, entring into a religious Life, the ſaid King *Hen.* 2. ſoon after his Acceſſion to the Crown, ſeiz'd the Honour of *Wallingford*, which his Son and Succeſſor King *Rich.* 1. gave, before his Coronation, to his Brother *John*, whoſe ſecond Son *Richard*,

*Doomſday-Book.*

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq.*

*Camden's Brit. p.* 140.

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq.*

*Dugd. Bar. Vol.* 1. *p.* 469.

*Ibid.*

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p.* 146.

*hard*, Earl of *Cornwall*, younger Brother to King *Hen.* 3. marrying *Senchia*, Daughter to *Beatrix*, Counteſs of *Provence*, Siſter to two Queens of *England* and *France*, kept his Wedding at *Wallingford*, and on St. *Cecilia*'s Day entertain'd the King, Queen, and Nobility there; as he did afterwards, *Anno* 1251, after his Dedication of the Monaſtery of *Hales*, in the County of *Glouceſter*; when, in the preſence of the King and Queen, 13 Biſhops, moſt of the Barons, and above 300 Knights, he wiſh'd all his great Expences in his Caſtle of *Wallingford* had been as wiſely and ſoberly employ'd, as the 10000 Marks expended on that Monaſtery; after which, this our Earl *Richard*, who was crown'd King of the *Romans* at *Aqueſgrave* on *Aſcenſion-Day*, *Anno* 1257, departing this Life upon the 4th of the Nones of *April*, *Anno* 1272, 56 *Hen.* 3. this Borough (with the Advowſons of the Churches, which were at that Time reckon'd up 14) fell to his Son *Edmund*, who was then 20 Years old, as the Inquiſition ſets forth. This *Edmund*, *Anno* 1278, 10 *Edw.* 1. built here in the Caſtle a Collegiate Church, to the Honour of St. *Nicholas*, and endow'd it with Lands and Revenues for the Maintenance of a Dean, ſix Prebends, ſix Clerks, and four Choriſters: And departing this Life at *Aſhridge* in *Buckinghamſhire*, where he had founded another College, 1 *Oct. Anno* 1300, his Honours and Lands fell to the King, *viz.* *Edw.* 1. whom he had before declar'd his Heir, whoſe ſon King *Edw.* 2. granted, in the firſt Year of his Reign, in Fee, the whole Earldom of

*Sandford's Genealog. Hiſt. p.* 97.

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p.* 236.

*Ibid. p.* 244.

*Dug. Bar. Vol.* 1.

*Leland's Itin. Vol.* 2. *p.* 11.

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p.* 294.

*Tanner's Notitia Monaſtic. p.* 5.

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p.* 339, 341.

*Cornwall*, to which this Town and Honour of *Wallingford*, was annex'd, with all other Lands which *Edmund* Earl of *Cornwall* held at the Time of his Death, to his unfortunate Favourite *Piers Gaveſton*, whom he alſo made Earl of *Cornwall*; which *Piers* being, about five Years after, *viz.* 19 *Jan.* 1312. beheaded at *Blacklow-hill*, *Com. Warr.* his Eſtate reverted to the Crown; which the King granted to another of his Favourites, *viz. Hugh Deſpenſer*, Sen. equally as unfortunate, who meeting with the ſame Fate, the King granted the Caſtle and Honour of *Wallingford* to *Iſabel* his Queen, for Life; who quitting it to her Son K. *Edw.* 3. the ſaid Prince advancing, in the 2d Year of his Reign, his Brother *John*, ſir-nam'd of *Eltham*, to the Earldom of *Cornwall*, the next Year gave him this Honour; which *John* departing this Life without Iſſue, *Anno* 10 *Edw.* 3. his Earldom was, by ſpecial Act, entail'd upon the Crown, and the Title of Earl chang'd into that of Duke, beſtow'd the next Year on his Nephew *Edward* the *Black Prince*, who, in the Parliament held at *Weſtminſter*, was inveſted Duke of *Cornwall*; ſince when, this Dukedom hath ever remain'd in the Crown, the eldeſt Son and Heir apparent of the King of *England*, being Duke of *Cornwall* by Birth. Divers Manors and Franchiſes being ſettled for the better Support of the State and Honour of that Dignity, among which, this our Town of *Wallingford* being made Part, continu'd ſo 'till *Henry* VIII's Time, who, upon Cardinal *Woolſey*'s founding the magnificent College of *Chriſt-Church* in *Oxford*, confirm'd this

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq.* p. 356.

*Dug. Bar. Vol.* 2. p. 43.

*Camden's Brit.* p. 502.

*Pat. Temp. Edw.* 2.

*Dug. Bar. Vol.* 2. p. 109.

*Ibid.*

*Sandford's Genealog. Hiſt.* p. 181

*Carew's Survey of Cornwal*, p. 80.

his Manor and Caſtle, &c with the Advow- *Pat.* 20 *Hen.* 8.
ons of the Churches, to the ſaid Cardinal, for
he Uſe of his College; but upon the Cardi-
al's Fall, I preſume this Grant was in great
Part revers'd; for the ſame King, at his Parlia-
ent held at *Weſtminſter A. Reg.* 31, and pro-
ogu'd upon divers Prorogations to the 24th of *Doderidge Hiſt. of the Princip. of Wales, Dutchy of Cornwall, &c. p.* 88.
*une A. Reg.* 32, did, by eſpecial Act, ſever
his Honour and Caſtle of *Wallingford*, &c.
ith all the Lordſhips and Manors, &c. there-
o belonging, from the ſaid Dutchy, and an-
ex'd it to the Manor of *Ewelm*, thereto near
djoining; which was by the ſame Act of
arliament made an Honour: Since when, I
reſume the Lordſhip of this Town has conti-
u'd in the Crown, it having been (as I have
een) aſſign'd by King *James* I. to his Queen
*nne*, as Part of her Dowry, and after, to his
on Prince *Charles*. Yet, notwithſtanding this,
he Caſtle, in Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time, belong'd
as it does now ſtill, tho' entirely ruin'd) to
he aforeſaid learned Society of *Chriſt-Church*,
nd was, as the great *Camden* tells us in his
ays, a retiring Place for Students; which gi-
ing him frequent Opportunity of reſorting
hither, might no doubt excite him to the Stu-
y of Antiquities. He at thoſe Times went
making great Obſervations of the Walls, Tow-
rs, &c. of the Caſtle, and other Fortifications
y him adjudg'd to be the Works of the *Romans*.

But the Rents and Profits of the Markets
nd Fairs, with other Royalties, are, as I hear,
but whether by a later Charter than K. *James*'s
Time) veſted in the Corporation, which con-
ſiſts of a Mayor, ſix Aldermen, (who are Ju-

ſtices

ſtices of the Peace within the Borough) and other Sub-Officers, which they hold probably by Leaſe from the Crown, as they do by ancient Charters divers Immunities and Privileges. Some of which Charters, &c. with ſeveral of their Cuſtoms, and a more full Account of the Town, being publiſh'd in *Brady*'s *Hiſtory of Boroughs*, and *Kennet*'s *Parochial Antiquities*, I ſhall thither refer, and to the *Monaſticon*, for Religious Foundations here, and only add, That before the *Diſſolution*, the laſt Dean, who was ſucceeded by Dr. *London*, (a noted Manager in the Reformation) new-built the Steeple at the *Weſt* End of the Collegiate Chapel, and the Dean and Miniſters thereof had fair Lodgings within the Caſtle. The Deſcription of which, with a farther Account of *Wallingford*, take here from *Leland*, who tells us, that the Caſtle had three Ditches, large and deep, and well water'd; in the third of which were good Buildings, with Towers, and a Dungeon, and therein was the Collegiate Chapel, to which belong'd a Dean, four Prieſts, ſix Clerks, and four Choriſters. He alſo tells us, that *Wallingford* had been well wall'd, the Walls going in Compaſs a Mile and more from the Caſtle; and ſo coming to the Bridge, a large Thing of Stone over the *Thames*; and that Cardinal *Woolſey* ſuppreſs'd a Priory of Black Monks, a Cell to St. *Albans*, ſtanding hard within the *Weſt* Gate of *Wallingford*; and that the Decay of this Place was partly owing to a great Peſtilence in *Edward* the 3d's Time; whereupon the Inhabitants aſk'd King *Richard* 2, and had the Fee-Farm

*Brady of Boroughs, in Append. p.* 12.

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p.* 258, & 263.

*Leland's Itin. Vol.* 2. *p.* 11.

*Ibid. Vol.* 3. *p.* 98.

Farm Rent of the Town brought from 40*l.* to 17*l.* and that in that King's Reign there were twelve Pariſh-Churches here. To which he ſubjoins another Reaſon for the ſaid Decay, *viz.* the making the Bridge at *Abingdon*, and turning the *Glouceſter* Road; and that in his Time this Place was ſo decay'd, that of 14 Pariſh-Churches, there were but 3 poor ones. But yet there were Men alive, who could ſhew the Places and Cemiteries where they all ſtood; and that there yet remain'd among others, the Names of theſe Streets, *viz. Thames-Street*, *Fiſh-Street*, *Bread-Street*, *Wood-Street*, and *Goldſmiths-Row*. But to conclude, however unfortunate this Town has been, by theſe Calamities, and eclips'd from what it was antiently, it is at preſent a large handſome Town, and has two principal Streets, the cheif of which, where the Market is kept, is adorn'd with a convenient well-built Town-Hall, about forty Years ſince erected in a ſpacious *Area*, where the County-Aſſizes are ſometimes held, and the Quarter-Seſſions for this Borough, which is a diſtinct Juriſdiction. And as for its Churches, it ſtill retains the Names of four, *viz.* St. *Mary*'s, St. *Peter*'s, St. *Leonard*'s, and *All Saints*, tho' only the firſt is in conſtant Uſe, the two laſt being intirely demoliſh'd in the great Rebellion, and but a little Part of St. *Peter*'s left ſtanding. As to the Names of the other ten, I have only met with ſince of them, one of which was dedicated to the *Holy Trinity*, another to St. *John*, and a third to St. *Martin*.

*Ibid. Vol. 7. p. 7.*

*Ibid. Vol. 2. p. 11.*

and a fourth to St. Lucian

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The Return for Burgeſſes of this antient Borough, (which was by King *Charles* the Firſt dignify'd, by giving Title of Viſcount to *William Knollys*, Earl of *Banbury*) is veſted in the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty, being in Number about one hundred and fifty, who are the Electors of its Repreſentatives in Parliament, whoſe Names are as follows.

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## EDWARD I.

23 P. *at* Weſt. John Maryot, John Bone.
30 *at* Lond. Oſbert de Notle, Will. Clerk.
33 *at* Weſt. Michael de la Barr, Will. Mareſchall.
34 *at* Weſt. John Marriot, Oſbert de Notele.
35 *at* Carliſle, John Marriot, Oſbert de Notele.

## EDWARD II.

1 P. *at* Weſt. Nic. de la Barr, John Marriot.
2 *at* Weſt. Anth. Motton, Tho. de Bank.
4 *at* Weſt. Nic. de la Barre, Oſbert de Notle.
6 *at* Weſt. Nic. de la Barr, Ric. Cippenham.
7 *at* Weſt. Nic. de la Barr, Will. Buckly.
8 *at* Weſt. Walter *atte* Ruſh, Will. Bucly.
12 *at* Weſt. John Oſburne, Ric. Gruard.
12 *at* York, Tho. de Garſtind, Tho. Bone.
15 *at* Weſt. Edw. Bradburne, Alex. de Vacher.
19 *at* Weſt. Rob. Butry, Ric. Reſwald.

## EDWARD III.

1 P. *at* Weſt. John Oſburne, Roger le Saucer.
2 *at* Northton. Tho. Bone, John Oſborne.
2 *at* Weſt. John Oſborn, John Breton.
4 *at* Weſt. John Marryot, Will. Arncyt.
4 *at* Weſt. John Marryot Rob. Bory.
7 *at* Weſt. John Marryot, John Preſton.
9 *at* Weſt. Will. Cornwayle, Phil. Preſton.
9 *at* Weſt. Will Cornwale, Phil. Preſton.
10 *Council at* Notting. Will. Cornwayle, Edw. Benham.
11 P. *at* Weſt. John Marryot, Will. Cornwayle.

11 *P. at* West. Tho. de la Barr, Will. de Dene.
12 *at* West. Tho. Garston, Tho. Bone.
12 *at* West. Will. Goldsmith, John Garwyke.
13 *at* West. John Stacy, Tho. Parsall.
14 *at* West. Nic. de la Barr, John Osebury.
15 *at* West. John Marriot, Rob. Bray.
17 *at* West. Reginald de Bradburne, Osbert Nottle.
21 *at* West. John Ruyssell, John *atte* Barston.
22 *at* West. John de Preston, Will. Goldsmith.
24 *at* West. Will. de Harewell, Tho. Reynold.
29 *at* West. John de Louches, John Brightwalton.
31 *at* West. Rob. Perrot, John Herour.
34 *at* West. John Louth, John Averow.
34 *at* West. Nic. Payable, Roger de Preston.
36 *at* West. Will. Harewell, Hen. Radding.
37 *at* West. Will. Harewell, Alex. Adsolan.
38 *at* West. John de Preston, John Jeun.
39 *at* West. John Laynes, Nic. Payable.
42 *at* West. Will. Tanner, Rob. Dunly.
43 *at* West. John Heynes, John Tanner.
45 *at* West. John James, Ric. *atte* Felde.
45 *Council at* Winch. John James.
46 *P. at* West. Ric. *atte* Feld, Roger Selburne.
50 *at* West. John James, Ric. *atte* Felde.
51 *at* West. Tho. Benoshef, Hen. de Redings.

## RICHARD II.

1 *P. at* West. Tho. Rayneld, Edw. *atte* Felde.
2 *at* Glouc. Tho. Grove, Roger Selburn.
3 *at* West. Roger Malbourne, Walter Harvey.
6 *at* West. Roger Melburne, John Kirris.
7 *at* West. Roger Armyte, John Kerres.
7 *at* New Sarum, Tho. Greene, John Little.
8 *at* West. Tho. Atte, Walter Herry.
9 *at* West. John Geurshe, Rob. Oxenford.
10 *at* West. Rob. Oxenford, John Derby.
11 *at* West. John Derby, Roger Milburne.
12 *at* Camb. Ric. de Brugg, John Bernard.
13 *at* West. John Corterel, Roger Melburne.
15 *at* West. Ric. Harloke, Will. Hinde.
16 *at* West. John Corterel, Will. Garry.
18 *at* West. John Corterel, John Derby.
20 *at* West. John Corterell, Rob. Oxenford.

## HENRY IV.

1 *P. at* Weſt. Walter Hervy, John Culham.
8 *at* Glouc. John Cullomb, Will. Cloudy.
11 *at* Weſt. John Cotterell, Will. Cotterell.

## HENRY V.

1 *P. at* Weſt. Will. Ravening, Lewis Purhoy.
2 *at* Weſt. Rob. de Fountain, Rob. Carwell.
3 *at* Weſt Will. Rameuyng, Tho. Swallowykey.
5 *at* Weſt. John Cotterell, John Derby.
7 *at* Weſt. Will. Eſſex, Will. Hindon.
8 *at* Weſt. John Cotterell, Ric. Algate.
9 *at* Weſt. Tho. Warrfeild, Will. Bodyngton.

## HENRY VI.

1 *P. at* Weſt. John Warfeld, Laurence Hawkman.
2 *at* Weſt. Laurence Hawman, Hen. Payne.
3 *at* Weſt. John Merchant, . . . . .
4 *at* Leic. Laurence Hawman, John Denby.
6 *at* Weſt. John Warfeld, Will. Bord.
7 *at* Weſt. John Warfeild, Will. Hawman.
8 *at* Weſt. John Warfeild, Laurence Hawman.
9 *at* Weſt. John Warefeld, Tho. Rameſey.
11 *at* Weſt. John Warfeild, Will. Bodington.
13 *at* Weſt. John Warfelde, Will. Borde.
15 *at* Camb. John Warfeld, Will. Borde.
20 *at* Weſt. John Brugg, Andrew Brugg.
25 *at* Camb. John Stock, Rob. Dalby.
27 *at* Weſt. Tho. Carlile, Hen. Herleton.
28 *at* Weſt. Rob. Hopton, Tho. Brome.
29 *at* Weſt. Hen. Spencer, Ric. Bulſtrode.
31 *at* Weſt. Tho. Preſton, Eſq; John Burgh.
38 *at* Coven. Ric. Houghton, Hen. Spenſer.
38 *at* Weſt. Will. Hedeſton, John Beddon.

## EDWARD IV.

7 *P. at* Weſt. John Collyngrugge, Rob. Hopton.
12 *at* Weſt. Tho. Rous, Tho. Ayſhenden.
17 *at* Weſt. Tho. Wode, Tho. Wynſent.

## HENRY VIII.

33 P. *at* West, . . . . Torn.

## EDWARD VI.

1 P. *at* West. Tho. Parye, Esq; Hen. Huntley, Gent.
6 *at* West. Tho. Parye, Esq; George Wright, Esq;

## MARY.

1 P. *at* West. George Wright, Edm. Pleydon.
1 *at* Oxford, Edm. Ashfeild, Anthony Butler.

## PHILIP & MARY.

1 & 2 P. *at* West. Edm. Ashfeild, Rob. Cockson.
2 & 3 *at* West. Tho. Peyre, Esq; Tho. Wyn.
4 & 5 *at* West. Tho. Wyn, Esq; Ralf Pollington, Gent.

## ELIZABETH.

1 P. *at* West. Tho. Wyn, Esq; . . . .
5 *at* West. Will. Dunch, Esq; Tho. Broun, Esq;
10 *at* West. Tho. Dudley, Esq; Edm. Dunch, Esq;
14 *at* West. Tho. Diggs, Esq; John Forteſcue, Esq;
27 *at* West. Chriſt. Edmonds, Esq; Ric. Knolles, Gent.
28 *at* West. Ric. Knolles, Esq; Tho. Stamp, Esq;
31 *at* West. Mich. Molins, Esq; Tho. Stamp, Esq;
35 *at* West. Tho. Forteſcue, Esq; Anthony Bacon, Esq;
39 *at* West. Tho. Forteſcue, Esq; Owen Oglethorpe, Esq;
43 *at* West. * John Herbert, Kt. Hen. Doyly, Esq;

## JAMES I.

1 P. *at* West. Will. Dunch, Kt. Griffin Payne.
12 *at* West. . . . . .
18 *at* West. Geo. Symeon, Kt. Sam. Dunch, Esq;
21 *at* West. ‡ Edw. Howard, Kt. Geo. Semours, Kt.

* *In his Place, chose for* Glamorganshire, Tho. Forteſcue, Esq;

‡ *In his Place, chose for* Calne, Anthony Foreſter, Kt.

## CHARLES I.

1 P. *at* West. Anth. Foreſter, Kt. Mich. Molins, Eſq;
1 *at* West. Anth. Foreſter, Kt. Unton Crooke, Eſq;
3 *at* West. Rob. Knowlis, Kt. Edm. Dunch, Eſq;
15 *at* West. Edm. Dunch, Eſq; Unton Crooke, Eſq;
16 *at* West. Edm. Dunch, Eſq; Anth. Barker, Eſq;
*Tho. Howard, Eſq;*

## CHARLES II.

12 P. *at* West. Geo. Parker, Eſq; Hungerford Dunch, Eſq;
† *In his Place*, John Bennet, Kt 13 *at* West. † Geo. Fane, Eſq; Rob. Parker, Eſq;
31 *at* West. John Stone, Eſq; Scorie Barker, Eſq;
31 *at* West. Will. Lenthall, Eſq; Scorie Barker, Eſq;
32 *at* Oxf. Scorie Barker, Eſq; Taverner Harris, Eſq;

## JAMES II.

1 P. *at* West. John Stone, Eſq; John Holloway, Eſq;

## WILLIAM and MARY.

1 P. *at* West. Tho. Tipping, Eſq; Will. Jennens, Eſq;
2 *at* West. Will. Jennens, Eſq; John Wallis, Eſq;

## WILLIAM III.

7 P. *at* West. Will. Jennens, Eſq; Tho. Tipping, Eſq;
10 *at* West. Tho. Tipping, Bart. Ric. Pye, Eſq;
12 *at* West. Will. Jennens, Eſq; Tho. Renda, Eſq;
13 *at* West. Will. Jennens, Eſq; Tho. Renda, Eſq;

## ANNE.

1 P. *at* West. Will. Jennens, Eſq; Tho. Renda, Eſq;
† *In his Place, choſe for* Abingdon, Tho. Renda, Eſq 4 *at* West. Will. Jennens, Eſq; Clement Kent, Eſq;
7 *at* West. Grey Nevill, Eſq; Will. Jennens, Eſq;
9 *at* West. Tho. Renda, Eſq; Simon Harcourt, Eſq;
12 *at* West. Ric. Bigg, Eſq; † *Hon.* Simon Harcourt, Eſq;

BOROUGH

# BOROUGH OF ABINGDON.

THIS Place, remarkable in the Time of the *Britains* for Devotion, the Converſion of ſeveral Pagans to the Chriſtian Faith having been wrought in this City, (whither the King reſorted when he had a Mind to treat with his People about extraordinary Buſineſs) and in the *Saxon* Age afterwards, famous for ſome Synods held here, was, before the Building of the Abbey, from whence it receiv'd its preſent Denomination, call'd *Sheovesham*, as may be ſeen at large in *Dugdale's Monaſticon*, *Camden's Britannia*, &c. together with ſeveral other Hiſtories of this Place, which, for Brevity ſake, I omit, deſigning to confine my ſelf to ſome ſhort Account of its Abbey, heretofore its chiefeſt Glory, and from whence the Town became ſo conſiderable as it is now; which Abbey, founded

*Monaſtic. Angl. Vol. 1. p. 99.*

*Camden's Britannia, p. 138.*

*Ibid. p. 150.*

*Leland's Itin. Vol. 9. p. 31.*

ded about the Year 675, by *Heane*, Nephew to † *Ciſſa*, Father of King *Ina*, being in King *Ælfred*'s Time, for fear of the *Danes*, (with whom that Prince had a ſharp Engagement here, *Anno* 873) forſook by the Monks, was afterwards reſtor'd by King *Edred*, *Anno* 955, by the Care of *Ethelwoldus*, its Abbot, then Biſhop of *Wincheſter*; in whoſe, and the ſucceeding Abbot's Time, it grew to that Magnificence for Building and Riches, that few could vie with it; and ſo well was it accommodated for Reception, that *William* I, 1084, kept here his *Eaſter*. At which Time he left his youngeſt Son *Henry*, after King of *England*, to be educated in this Monaſtery, by the Care of *Robert de Oilly*, a ſpecial Benefactor to the ſame; which *Robert*, departing this Life *Anno* 1090, was bury'd, with *Aldida* his Wife, on the *North* Side of the high Altar of this Conventual Church. In which were alſo interr'd many eminent Perſons, as *Ciſſa*, *Sidemanne*, Biſhop of *Crediton*, &c. and ſeveral others, whoſe Monuments (conſidering this was the Mother-Church to all the Pariſhes hereabouts) muſt be very numerous. To omit the Tombs of its Abbots, ſeveral of which were preferr'd to Biſhopricks, as *Rethun* to the See of *Dorcheſter*; to which may be added, the famous Chronicler *Geffry* of *Monmouth*, who held the See of St. *Aſaph* ſome time in *Commendam* with this Abbey; but all theſe Monuments, together with the Church, the chief Ornament of this Town and the County of *Berks*, and all other Buildings belonging to the ſame, (except a Gate-Houſe) being

*Tanner's Notit. Mon. p.* 1.

† *Leland's Itiner Vol.* 9. *p.* 31.

*Kennet's Par. Antiq. p.* 38.

*Monaſtic. Angl. Vol.* 1. *p.* 102.

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p.* 69.

*Ibid. p.* 72.

*Item p.* 44.

*Leland's Itin. Vol.* 9. *p.* 32.

*Goodwin de Præſul.*

eing deſtroy'd by the Abhorrers of Idols, may not be improper to give a Repreſenta-on of what ſort of Fabrick this Church was, hich, in ſome Meaſure, may be eſtimated om *Leland's* Account, who ſaw it, and ſeems o deſcribe it to be ſomewhat like *Wells's* Ca-hedral, being adorn'd like that, with two owers at the Front, or *Weſt* End, and ano-her in the Middle; which Towers, with all he Body of the Church, he tells us, "Were made not long before the *Reformation*, by four Abbots, immediately preceeding the four laſt. The two laſt of which four, were call'd *Aſsbenden* and *Sant*; and that *Sant* was a Doctor in Divinity, and Em-baſſador at *Rome*, both for King *Edward* IV, and King *Henry* VII. Which Church, *built incipally by* William Aſhendon *and* John ant, temp. Edward IV, *for their Predeceſſors* homas Salford *and* Ralf Hamme, *continu'd Abbots but a little while.*

*Leland's Itin. Vol. 2. p.* 13.

*M. S. Coll. de Abingdon.*

He farther informs us, "ſtood in a ſpacious Area, on the South-ſide of which was the Abbot and Convent's Lodgings, and on the Weſt-ſide was a Charnel-Chapel; and that all the Churches in the Neighbourhood were only Chapels of Eaſe to it; and that they bury'd here as the Mother-Church; and that without the Weſt-Gate (which is the only Building left ſtanding, as is aforeſaid) was a Church and Hoſpital dedicated to St. *John Baptiſt*, oppoſite to the now Church of St. *Nicholas*. But all theſe Things, ſoon after the *Diſſolution*, were levell'd with the Ground; and well had it

*Leland's Itin. Vol. 2. p.* 13, & 14.

it been, had its Deſtroyer's Rage ſtopt here, and not attack'd the Reputation of the Convent with ſuch heavy Charges of Diſſoluteneſs, a Blemiſh that will not eaſily be wip'd out. However, Biſhop *Burnet*'s Argument, in his Hiſtory of the *Reformation*, may be pleaded as an undoubted Confutation of this Slander, *viz.* That where the Religious had Penſions, it was a Proof of their Innocency; which Reaſon will well hold in Vindication of this Convent, its Abbots and Monks, however impeach'd, being at the Surrender in Number 25, having every one of them (except one whom we may allow deſerv'd none) very ample Penſions, nay, as large as any Monaſtery I have ſeen; to inſtance in the Abbot, he had firſt a Penſion of 200 *l. per Annum* beſtow'd on him; and after, in lieu of that, the Manor and Park of *Comner*, formerly Part of the Poſſeſſions of this Monaſtery, which he was to keep for Life, or 'till advanc'd to ſome Eccleſiaſtical Preferment of above 223 *l. per Annum*; of which certainly the King would not have thought him worthy, had he been ſo abominably and horribly wicked as ſome *Reformation*-Writers ſet him forth. But I return from this long Digreſſion, to ſpeak of the Town, which, tho' heretofore no mean Place, yet that it grew to that Eminence it now boaſts of, will not, I preſume, be deny'd to be owing to its Abbey, as before noted; and that it did not ſuffer by its Downfal, as ſeveral other Abbey-Towns did, may be attributed to the Eſtabliſhment of the great Road turn'd thro' this Place (as ſpoken

*Ex Lib. Penſion. in Cur. Augmen.*

ſpoken of in *Wallingford*) upon building of *Culham* and *Burford* Bridges; which Act was promoted by *Geffrey Barbour*, Merchant of this Town, he giving thereto, and to the finiſhing the Cauſey between the two Bridges, 1000 Marks, employing the beſt Artiſts he could get, giving them a Penny a Day Wages, and an extraordinary Price in thoſe Times, when Wheat was ſold for twelve Pence a Quarter. The Benefits that accru'd from hence, to the enriching of the Town, by influencing Travellers to take this Rout from *Glouceſter* to *London*, and not to go thro' *Wallingford*, as they had been accuſtom'd, were ſo extraordinary, that a Senſe of them about forty Years after, occaſion'd Mr. *Richard Fannand*, an Ironmonger of this Town, in the Year 1457, to put up a Table (which yet remains) in the Hall of St. *Helen*'s Hoſpital, in Memory of *Geffery Barbour*, *&c.* in which we have an exact, tho' rude and barbarous, Deſcription of the Proceedings in building *Culham*-Bridge, given in an hundred *Engliſh* Verſes, together with ſome *Latin* ones at the Beginning, with a *Rebus* of *Abingdon* at the End, in which King *Henry* V is mention'd as the Founder of both Bridges; which is only to be underſtood of a Liberty he gave for building them: Which Verſes, and a farther Account of this Benefaction, being publiſh'd by the *Oxford* Antiquary, in his ninth Volume of *Leland*, I ſhall thither refer, and only farther quote from him, that the Townſmen retain to this Day the greateſt Senſe imaginable of *Geffery Barbour*'s Benefaction, looking upon him as

*Leland's Itin. Vol. 9. p. 31, & 199.*

*Review of Leland's Itin. Edit. p. Tho. Hearne A. M. p. 159, &c.*

the chief Founder of St. *Hellen*'s Hoſpital; and ſo much did they reſpect his Memory, that upon the Diſſolution of the Abbey, they remov'd his Monument from the Church there, where he was bury'd, in a moſt ſolemn Manner to St. *Hellens*, where his Braſs Plate yet continues, having thereon inſcrib'd the Day of his Death, which was the 21ſt of *April*, 1417, the Year after he had finiſh'd the Bridge, tho' all other Inſcriptions and old Monuments have been defac'd, as particularly the goodly Croſs in this Town, the Erection of which, ſoon after the Diverſion of the Road, is another Argument of the Increaſe of the Town, and how much the Inhabitants were oblig'd by our *Geffery*. "This Croſs, "ſays *Leland*, was a right goodly one, adorn-"ed with fair Degrees of Steps and Imagry; which probably giving Offence to conceited Perſons, was deſtroy'd in the great Rebellion of forty one. For *Camden* ſays it was ſtanding in his Time, and commends it much; as *Leland* does alſo the Market-houſe, ſtanding near this Croſs; "which, he ſays, "was a fair Houſe with open Pillars, cover'd "with a Roof of Lead. But the pulling down this, need not be regretted, there having been built of late Years, inſtead thereof, a Market-houſe of moſt curious *Aſhler* Workmanſhip, which may challenge the Pre-eminence of any in *England*, being built on lofty Pillars, with a large Hall above, in which the County-Aſſizes are frequently held, this being now the Shire-Town for all publick Buſineſs.

*Leland's Itin. Vol. 2. p. 14.*

*Camden's Britannia, p. 138.*

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As to a Deſcription of this Town, it conſiſts of ſeveral Streets, which center in a moſt ſpacious Area, where the Market is held, which is very conſiderable. At the lower End of the Town ſtands the chief of the two Churches, dedicated to St. *Hellen*, adorn'd with a Spire-Steeple, built where was ſometime a Nunnery. Near this is the Hoſpital of the ſame Name before-mention'd, for ſix poor Men, and as many poor Women; and at the other End, without the *Weſt* Gate, near where the Abbey ſtood, is ſituated the other Church, *viz.* St. *Nicholas*'s, which was erected by one Abbot *Nicholas*, for the Eaſe of the Town, whom, according to the Collection I have made of the Abbots that preſided over this Monaſtery, which were fifty two, I take to be *Nicholas de Coleham*, who was conſecrated Abbot here *Anno* 1289, and dy'd *Anno* 1304. *Leland's Itin. Vol. 2. p. 13.*

But beſides theſe, and the Church of St. *John* already ſpoken of, this Town was remarkable for a Chapel built *Anno* 1288, by *Edmund* Earl of *Cornwal*, over the Place where St. *Edmund*, Arch-biſhop of *Canterbury*, was born, where many Miracles were obſerv'd the Year after the building it. *Kennet's Paroc Antiq. p. 313.*

As to when this Town was made a Borough, I ſhall refer to the Extract of the Charter, in *Brady's Hiſtory of Boroughs*, *p.* 88; tho' he has miſtook the Year, putting down 2 & 3 *P.* & *M.* for the 3 & 4; and only remark, that this Charter was obtain'd by the Intereſt of Sir *John Maſon*, born in this Town of mean Parents, and educated by his Uncle, *Wood's Athen. Oxon. V. 1. p. 663.*

a Monk of this Monaſtery, who being much reſpected by Queen *Mary*, to whom he was a Privy Counſellor, procur'd the Erection of the Hoſpital in *Abingdon*, as alſo the Incorporation of that Town, which was by the ſaid Queen *Mary* made "a free Borough and "Town-Corporate, conſiſting of a Mayor, "two Bailiffs, and nine Aldermen; which "twelve were to be call'd *Principal Burgeſſes*, "and had Power to elect ſixteen, or more, "Secundary-Burgeſſes, who only, and their "Succeſſors, ſhould have Right to chooſe "one Burgeſs in Parliament;" which accordingly has been done ever ſince, tho' the Election has of late Years been made by the Inhabitants at large, not receiving Alms, who are in Number about 600; and the Right of Election has been determin'd to be in the Mayor, Bailiff, and Burgeſſes; between whom, of the one Part, and the High Sheriff on the other, the Indenture is executed.

But beſides the Returns, made purſuant to this Charter ſince Queen *Mary*'s Time, I find that this Town, being a Place of Trade, ſent once to a *Council*, by Virtue of a Precept iſſu'd to it, *Anno* 11 *Edw.* 3. which being exactly the ſame as that of *Buckingham*, may be ſeen in that Borough.

As to the Manor of this Town, it belong'd, no Doubt, 'till the *Reformation*, to the Abbey, which had, as appears by antient Charters, ſeveral Privileges, with the Profits of Markets and Fairs here, ſeveral of which being, ſince the *Diſſolution*, as I am inform'd, granted to the Corporation, the ſame is now veſted in them.

*Vide Monaſtic. Angl.*

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The Town of *Abingdon* was honour'd, *Anno* 1682, by giving Title of an Earl to the Right Honourable *James Bertie*, Lord *Norris*, a younger Son of the Earl of *Lindsey*, inwhich he was succeeded by his Son, the present Earl hereof.

## EDWARD III.

1 *Council at* West. John Bishop, Tho. Wateby, John de Berewyk.

## PHILIP & MARY.

4 & 5 P. *at* West. Oliver Hind, Gent.

## ELIZABETH.

1 P. *at* West. Robert Byng.
2 *at* West. Oliver Hind.
3 *at* West. Anth. Foster, Esq;
4 *at* West. * Anth. Foster, Esq;
7 *at* West. Edward Norris, Esq;
8 *at* West. Miles Sands, Esq;
1 *at* West. Edw. Norris, Kt.
3 *at* West. William Braunche, Gent.
9 *at* West. . . . . .
3 *at* West. Robert Ryche, Esq;

* *In his Place, deceas'd,* Richard Beke, *Esq;*

## JAMES I.

1 P. *at* West. Richard Lovelace, Kt.
2 *at* West. . . . . .
3 *at* West. Robert Hyde.
1 *at* West. Robert Knolles, Kt.

## CHARLES I.

1 P. *at* West. Rob. Knolles, Kt.
1 *at* West. Rob. Knolles, Kt.
3 *at* West. John Stonehouse, Bart.

15 P.

15 *P. at* West. John Stonehouſe, Bart.
16 *at* West. John Stonehouſe, Bart.
*John Bail.*

## CHARLES II.

12 *P. at* West. John Lenthall, Bart. } *Double Return.*
John Stonehouſe, Bart. }
13 *at* West. John Stonehouſe, Bart.
31 *at* West. John Stonehouſe, Bart.
31 *at* West. John Stonehouſe, Bart.
32 *at* Oxford, John Stonehouſe, Bart.

## JAMES II.

1 *P. at* West. John Stonehouſe, Bart.

## WILLIAM & MARY.

1 *P. at* West. John Stonehouſe, Bart.
John Southby, Eſq;
*Double Return, the latter Indenture taken.*
2 *at* West. Simon Harcourt, Eſq;

## WILLIAM III.

7 *P. at* West. Simon Harcourt, Eſq;
10 *at* West. Simon Harcourt, Eſq;
12 *at* West. Simon Harcourt, Eſq;
13 *at* West. Simon Harcourt, Eſq;

## ANNE.

1 *P. at* West. Simon Harcourt, Kt. *Her Majeſty's Solicitor-General.*
4 *at* West. Grey Nevill, Eſq;
7 *at* West. * Simon Harcourt, Kt.
9 *at* West. ‡ *Right Honourable* Simon Harcourt, *Lord-Keeper.*
12 *at* West. *Honourable* Simon Harcourt, Eſq;

* *In his Place, unduly elected,* Will. Hucks, Eſq;

‡ *In his Place, being Lord-Keeper,* James Jennings, Eſq;

COUNTY

# COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAM.

THIS County, as before obſerv'd in *Bedfordſhire*, call'd by the *Romans*, *Cattieuclani*, lying in the ſame Diviſion of the Kingdom of *Mercia*, and Dioceſe of *Lincoln*, to which it is ſubject, had, at the *Reformation*, twenty Religious Houſes, the chief of which, *viz.* the famous College of *Eaton*, being left ſtanding, may deſervedly be allow'd to be the moſt magnificent Building in the County. For beſides the Boroughs here treated of, it can boaſt little of its other Towns, which are reckon'd up in all to be 185 Pariſhes, of which, ſixteen are Market-Towns, tho' none of them of any great Note, except *Newport-Pagnel* and *Cheſham*. And ſome of the Boroughs aforeſaid, which, in regard they have never

*Camden's Britannia, p.* 278.

*See the Draught of this College and Chapel in Loggan's Account of the Univerſity of Cambridge*

never been augmented, and there remains no Corporation for me to ſpeak of, (there being but two in the County, and thoſe Boroughs) I ſhall here beg Leave to expatiate on what our Writers have ſaid of its *Roman* Towns, which they account to be only two, *viz. Pontes Colebrook*, and *Lactorodum Stony-Stratford*, both which being ſituate on the utmoſt Limits of the County, ſeem to make this Shire's Claim to them diſputable.

*Burton's Comment. on Antonini's Itin. p.* 143, & 225.

*Gale's Note on Antonin. Itin. p.* 60, & 107.

As to the firſt, *viz. Pontes* or *Colebrook*, in Regard that the Pontes or Bridges on which it was ſituate, being all on the other Side of the River in *Middleſex*, why may it not be plac'd there? For if it was built upon the Bridges, or among them, ſo as to include them, certainly it muſt be in that County, at leaſt great Part of it, if it did extend ſo far as over the Bridge which divides the Counties, as it might; tho' wherever this Town ſtood, it was only a Military Station, or Thoroughfare; and no Coins, as I could learn, being dug up in the Neighbourhood, ſhews it to be of no great Note, and 'tis only the Situation on the Military Way, that inclines me to believe it ſtood hereabouts: For I cannot with *Leland's Itin. Vol.* 9. *Stow*, and others, conclude it at *Reading*; not *p.* 82. with thoſe, who would place the other *Roman* Town, *viz. Lactorodum* at *Bedford*; for that certainly ſtood upon the *Stratum* where *Stony-Stratford* ſtands; which Town, no doubt, aroſe out of its Ruins, by Reaſon of its Vicinity to it; for it is plain, notwithſtanding *Camden's Brit. p.* 281. Mr. *Camden's* Derivation of the Name of *Stony-Stratford*, far fetch'd from the *Britiſh Lech*, Stones,

Stones, and *Ryd* Ford; that celebrate *Roman* Town ſtood in *Northamptonſhire*, on the other Side the River, at *Old Stratford*; the Truth of which may be indiſputably confirm'd from divers Circumſtances, *viz.* the Name *Old* implying its Antiquity, and the caſting up Coins in the Fields adjoining on the ſame Side of the River *Old Stratford* ſtands; none of which, or any other *Roman* Antiquities, have been found on *Stony-Stratford* Side in *Buckinghamſhire*. Alſo the Scituation of the Place, better anſwering the next diſtantial Stations on each Side, *viz.* *Magiovinium*, *Dunſtable*, and *Bennavenna*, *Wedon*, together with the Scite of the Town, on the *North* Side of the River, as plac'd in *Gale*'s Map adapted to *Antoninus*'s *Itinerary*. To which may be added *Stony-Stratford*'s not occurring in *Doomſday Book*, or in any Records, 'till *Henry* the 1ſt's Time, or later. And laſtly, its Croſs, built by K. *Edward* I, which ſeveral Perſons remember the pulling down of, ſtanding but a little above the *Horſe-Shoe* Inn, next *Old Stratford*, (no doubt the principal and middle Part of the Town, when the ſame was erected, tho' it is now the inferiour) ſeems, with all theſe concurring Evidences, to eſtabliſh this Conjecture.

*Moreton's Nat. Hiſt. of Northamptonſhire, p. 504.*

*Vide Antonini Iter: Comment. illuſtrat. Thomæ Gale, S. T. P. Decani Ebor. 4to. 1709.*

But I digreſs too far: Wherefore I ſhall conclude, referring the Reader to *Bedfordſhire*, for Information of the Number of Days-Expences for the Knights and Burgeſſes of this County, in repairing to Parliaments and great Councils, *&c.* the ſame nearly anſwering that. The Names of the Knights being compriz'd in the following Catalogue.

## EDWARD I.

18 *P. at* West. Will. de Turville, John de Pateshulle.
23 *at* West. Laur. de Bluntesdenc, Rog. de Tiringham.
25 *at* London, Amery de Nowers, Rob. Barry.
26 *at* York, John de Cherewood, Laurence Bluntsdon.
28 *at* West. * Robert Pogeys, Hugh de Chastillon.
28 *at* Linc. Hugh de Chastillon, Gerard de Braybrooks.
30 *at* Lond. John de Cherewood, Will. de Santresdon.
33 *at* West. Roger de Tyringham, John Neyrunt.
34 *at* West. Will. Beauchamp, John Giffard.
35 *at* Carlisle, Ralph de Wedon, Miles de Beauchamp.

* *In his Plea, he excusing himself being infirm,* Gerard de Braybrooks.

## EDWARD II.

1 *P. at* West. *Cedu'a amissa.*
2 *at* West. Gerard de Braybrooks, John Giffard.
4 *at* Lond. Ralph de Wedon, Rob. Maller.
5 *at* Lond. Rob. Malet, Ralph de Bellofago.
5 *at* West. Robert Malet, Ralph de Wedone.
6 *at* West. Rob. Barry.
6 *at* West. Rob. Malet, Rob. de Tothale.
6 *at* West. Masculin Chastilon, John de Adingrave.
7 *at* West. Rob. Malet, Miles de Beauchamp.
8 *at* West. Rob. Malet, John Blaket.
8 *at* York, John Giffard, Nic. de Turvill.
9 *at* Linc. John Giffard le Boef, Nic. Turvill.
10 *Consel at* Linc. Nic. de Turvill, John de Olney.
12 *P. at* West. John de la Penne, John de la Haye.
15 *at* West. Ralph de Wedone, Rob. Malet.
16 *at* York, Rob. Malet, Alan de Leamme.
17 *at* West. Philip de Aylesbury, Rob. Malet.
18 *at* Lond. Tho. de Saukvill, James Fressell.
19 *at* West. Andrew de St. Liz, Rob. Malet.
20 *at* West. Andrew de St. Liz, John de la Penne.

## EDWARD III.

1 *P. at* West. Andrew de St. Liz, John de la Penne.
1 *at* Linc. John Blaket, Masculin Chastiloun.
1 *at* York, Roger de Tourney, John Blaket.
2 *at* New Sarum, John le Mareschal, James Freysel.
2 *at* York, Andrew de St. Liz, John de la Haye.

2 *P. at* Northt. Andrew de St. Liz, Maſculin Chaſtilon.
2 *at* York, Roger de Tyringham, John Blaket.
3 *at* New Saruni, Jolin le Mareſcal, James Freyſel.
4 *at* Weſt. Maſculin de Chaſtilon, James Freyſel.
4 at Winch. Ralph de Wedon, John Fitz-Ralph le Mareſchal.
5 *at* Weſt. John de Cifrewaſt, Ric. Chaſtilon.
6 *at* Weſt. Maſculin Chaſtilon, John de Adegrave.
6 *at* Weſt. John de Stretle, Maſculin Chaſtilon.
7 *at* York, Tho. Blaket, Rob Malet.
8 *at* Weſt. John de Stretle, Tho. Blaket.
8 *at* York, Rob. Malet, Tho. Blaket.
9 *at* York, John de Hanſtede, Gerard de Braybrok.
10 *Council at* Nott. Tho. de la Haye, Will. de Berkhamſtede.
11 *Council at* Weſt. Phillip de Aileſbury, Tho. de Reynes.
12 *P. at* Weſt. Phillip de Aileſbury, Walter Poule.
12 *Council at* Northton, John Bruyn, Ric. le Warde.
12 *P. at* Weſt. John Blaket, John de Cheryngton.
13 *at* Weſt. Phil. de Aileſbury, Tho. de Reynes.
13 *at* Weſt. Phil. de Aileſbury, Nic. Paſſelewe.
14 *at* Weſt. Roger de Tyringham, Phil. de Aileſbury.
14 *at* Weſt. Rob. Malet, Alan de Leaumes.
14 *at* Weſt. Gerard de Braybrok, Ric. la Vache.
14 *at* Weſt. Phillip de Aileſbury, John Giffard.
15 *at* Weſt. John Chaſtilon, Ric. Chaſtilon.
17 *at* Weſt. Phil. de Aileſbury, Rob. Malet.
17 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Reynes, John Chaſtilon.
18 *at* Weſt. Gerard de Braybrok.
20 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Reynes, Alex. de Sanderton.
21 *at* Weſt. Hen. de Chalfehunt, John de Veihour.
22 *at* Weſt. Tho. Fermband, Hen. de Chalf hunt.
22 *at* Weſt. Hen. de Chalfhunt, John le Venour.
25 *at* Weſt. Gerard de Braybrok, Hugh de Kynebell.
26 *at* Weſt. Gerard de Braybrok, John de Hamden.
26 *Council at* Weſt. Geffry de Lucy.
27 *at* Weſt. Geffry de Lucy.
28 *P. at* Weſt. Geffry de Lucy, Roger de Puttenham.
29 *at* Weſt. Geffry de Lucy, John Hunt.
29 *at* Weſt. Geffry de Lucy, John Chaſtiloun.
31 *at* Weſt. Roger de Puttenham, John de Hagmondeſham.
31 *at* Weſt. John Giffard, Gerard de Braybrooks.
32 *at* Weſt. John Giffard le Roef, Gerard de Braybrok.

34 P. *at* West. Geffry de Lucy, John Hunt.
34 *at* West. Geffry de Lucy, John Hunt.
35 *at* West. Rob. Barry, Nic. Trimenel.
36 *at* West. Roger de Puttenham, John de Ardern.
37 *at* West. John Hampden.
39 *at* West. Roger de Puttenham, Tho. de Missynden.
40 *at* West. Roger de Puttenham, John de Arderne.
42 *at* West. Roger de Puttenham, John de Arderne.
43 *at* West. Fulk de Bermyngeham, Rog. de Puttenham.
43 *at* West. Fulk de Bermyngeham, Tho. de Reynes.
45 *Council at* Winch. Fulk de Bermingham.
46 P. *at* West. Geffry Lucy, John Arderne.
47 *at* West. John Cheyne, Roger Puttenham.
50 *at* West. Edm. *atte* Pole, *Chr.* John Aylesbury, *Chr.*
51 *at* West. John de Bermyngham, Tho. Reynes.

## RICHARD II.

1 P. *at* West. John de Aylesbury, *Chr.* Tho. Sakevill, *Chr.*
2 *at* Glouc. Will de Molins, *Chr.* Tho. Sakevill, *Chr.*
2 *at* West. John de Aylesbury, *Chr.* Tho. Sakevill, *Chr.*
3 *at* West. John Bermyngeham, *Chr.* Rob. de Luton.
4 at North. John de Aylesbury, *Chr.* Tho. Sakevill, *Chr.*
5 *at* West. John de Ailesbury, John Cheyne.
5 *at* West. John Braybrooks, John Marche.
5 *at* West. Tho. Sakevill, *Chr.* John Teryngham.
6 *at* West. Tho. Sakevill, John Broughton.
6 *at* West. Edw. *atte* Pole, *Chr.* Tho. Sakevill, *Chr.*
7 *at* West. Tho. Sakevill, *Chr.* John Neyrunt, *Chr.*
7 *at* New Sarum, Tho. Sakevill, *Chr.* Alan Ayete.
8 *at* West. Tho. Sakevill, Rob. Dykeswell.
8 *at* West. Tho. Sakevill, *Chr.* Tho. Coveley.
9 *at* West. Tho. Sakevill, *Chr.* John Frome.
10 *at* West. Tho. Sakevill, *Chr.* John Chetwode, *Chr.*
11 *at* West. Phil. la Vache, Rob. de Luton.
12 *at* Camb. Tho. Sakevill, *Chr.* Roger Darell.
13 *at* West. John Aylesbury, *Chr.* Rob. de Luton, *Chr.*
14 *at* West. Edw. Durdant, Roger Dairell.
15 *at* West. Tho. Aylesbury, *Chr.* John Broughton.
16 *at* Winch. Edm. Missenden, *Chr.* Alan de Ayete.
17 *at* West. Tho. Sakevill, *Chr.* Roger Dayrell.
18 *at* West. John Chetwode, *Chr.* Edw. Durdant.
20 *at* West. Tho. Shelle, John Barton.
21 *at* West. Tho. Aylesbury, *Chr.* Tho. Shelle.

HENRY

## HENRY IV.

1 P. *at* Weſt. Edm. Hampden, Roger Dayrell.
2 *at* Weſt. John Barton, *Sen.* Tho. Durant.
3 *at* Weſt. Ric. D'arches, Edm. Hampden.
4 *at* Weſt. Ric. D'arches, *Chr.* Edm. Hampdene.
5 *at* Weſt. John Barton, *Sen.* Edm. Brudenell.
6 *at* Coventry, Roger Cheyne, Rob. James.
8 *at* Weſt. Edw. Brudenell, John Giffard.
9 *at* Glouc. Ric. Wyot, John Barton, *Sen.*

## HENRY V.

1 P. *at* Weſt. John Cheyne *of* Iſenhamſtede Cheyne, John Gyffard *of* Whaddon.
1 *at* Weſt. John Barton, *Jun.* Rob. James.
2 *at* Leic. John Barton, *Jun.* Ric. Wyot.
3 *at* Weſt. Ric. Wyot, John Cheney.
5 *at* Weſt. John Barton, John Giffard.
8 *at* Weſt. John Hampden, Will. Whaplode.
9 *at* Weſt. John Cheyne, *Chr.* Ric. Wyot.
9 *at* Weſt. Rob. James, George Longvill.

## HENRY VI.

1 P. *at* Weſt. John Barton, Robert James.
3 *at* Weſt. John Cheyney, *Chr.* John Cheyney, Eſq;
4 *at* Leic. John Cheyney, *Chr.* Ric. Wyot, Eſq;
6 *at* Weſt. John Cheyney, John Hampden.
8 *at* Weſt. John Cheyney, *Chr.* Walter Strykland.
9 *at* Weſt. John Hampden *of* Hampden, Andrew Sperling.
13 *at* Weſt. John Cheyne, *Chr.* John Spyrlyng.
15 *at* Camb. Tho. Rokes, John Hampden *of* Kimbell.
20 *at* Weſt. Rob. Manfeld, Rob. Olney.
25 *at* Weſt. Tho. Daniel, Tho. Treſham, Eſq;
27 *at* Weſt. Tho. Daniel, John Heton, Eſq;
28 *at* Weſt. Will. Lucy, Kt. Rob. Olney, Eſq;
29 *at* Weſt. John Heton, Tho. Singleton.
31 *at* Reading, Rob. Manfeld, Eſq; Rob. Whittingham, Eſq;
33 & 38 *Cedulæ amiſſæ.*

EDWARD

## EDWARD IV.

6 *P. at* West. John Botiller, Kt. Ric. Fowler, Esq;
12 *at* West. Ric. Bulstrode, Esq; Tho. Rokes, Esq;
17 *at* West. Tho. Fowler, Esq; Tho. Grey, Esq;

The Writts, Returns, and Indentures, from 17 *Edward* IV., to 33 *Henry* VIII, are all lost.

## HENRY VIII.

33 *P. at* West. Fra. Bryan, Kt. Anth. Lee, Kt.

## EDWARD VI.

1 *P. at* West. Francis Russel, Kt. . . . . .
6 *at* West. Edm. Verney, Kt. Will. Dormer, Kt.

## MARY.

1 *P. at* West. Edm. Peckham, Kt. Rob. Drury, Kt.
1 *at* Oxford, Rob. Peckham, Kt. Geo. Gifford, Kt.

## PHILIP & MARY.

1 & 2 *P. at* West. Edm. Peckham, Kt. Tho. Denton, Esq;
2 & 3 *at* West. Edm. Verney, Francis Verney.
4 & 5 *at* West. Will. Dormer, Kt. Hen. Lee, Kt.

## ELIZABETH.

1 *P. at* West. Hen. Lee, Kt. . . . . .
5 *at* West. Tho. Fleetwood, Esq; Will. Hawtre, Esq;
13 *at* West. Hen. Lee, Kt. Will. Dormer, Kt.
14 *at* West. Hen. Lee, Kt. John Crook, Esq;
27 *at* West. Miles Sands, Esq; Griffin Hampden, Esq;
28 *at* West. Fra. Goodwin, Esq; John Borlase, Esq;
31 *at* West. John Forteſcue, Tho. Tasburgh.
35 *at* West. John Forteſcue, *a Privy Counsellor*, Rob. Dormer, Kt.

39 *P. at* West. . . . Fra. Goodwin, Esq;
43 *at* West. Fra. Forteſcue, Esq; Alex. Hampden, Esq;

## JAMES I.

1 *P. at* West. ‡ Fra. Goodwin, Kt. Will. Fleetwood, Esq;
12 *at* West. . . . . .
18 *at* West. Fra. Goodwin, Kt. Will. Fleetwood, Kt.
21 *at* West. Will. Fleetwood, Kt. Tho. Denton, Kt.

## CHARLES I.

1 *P. at* West. Fra. Goodwin, Kt. Hen. Bulſtrode, Esq;
1 *at* West. Fra. Goodwin, Kt. Tho. Denton, Kt.
3 *at* West. Edw. Coke, Kt. Will. Fleetwood, Kt.
15 *at* West. John Hampden, Esq; Arth. Goodwin, Esq;
16 *at* West. * John Hampden, Esq; * Arthur Goodwin, Esq;

## CHARLES II.

12 *P. at* West. Tho. Terrill, *Serjeant at Law*, William Bowyer, Esq;
13 *at* West. Will. Bowyer, *Kt. and Bart.* William Tyringham, *Knight of the* Bath.
31 *at* West. Tho. Wharton, Esq; John Hampden, Esq;
31 *at* West. Tho. Wharton, Esq; John Hampden, Esq;
32 *at* Oxford, Tho. Wharton, Esq; Ric. Hampden, Esq;

## JAMES II.

1 *P. at* West. John *Lord* Brackley, Tho. Wharton, Esq;

## WILLIAM & MARY.

1 *P. at* West. *Hon.* Tho. Wharton, Esq; Tho. Lee, Bart.
2 *at* West. *Rt. Hon.* Tho. Wharton, Esq; Ric. Hampden, Esq;

## WILLIAM III.

7 *P. at* West. ‡ *Rt. Hon.* Tho. Wharton, Esq; ‖ Richard Aſkins, Bart.
10 *P.*

‡ *In his Place, unduly elected*, Chriſt. Pigott, Esq; *in his Place, expell'd the Houſe*, Anthony Tiringham, Kt. Edmond West, Esq;

* *In their Places deceas'd*, George Fleetwood, Esq;

‡ *In his Place call'd to the Houſe of Lords*, *Hon.* Will. Cheyne, Esq;

‖ *In his Place, deceas'd*, Hen Neal, Esq;

10 *P. at* West. *Hon.* Goodwin Wharton, Esq; *Hon.* Will. *Lord* Cheyne.

12 *at* West. *Hon.* Goodwin Wharton, Esq; *Hon.* Will. *Lord* Cheyne.

13 *at* West. *Hon.* Goodwin Wharton, Esq; Robert Dormer, Esq;

† *In his Place, deceas'd,* Richard Temple, *Bart.*

## ANNE.

1 *P. at* West. † *Hon.* Goodwin Wharton, Esq; *Hon.* Will. *Lord* Cheyne.

4 *at* West. * Rob. Dormer, Esq; Ric. Temple, Bart.

7 *at* West. Edm. Denton, Bart. Ric. Hampden, Esq;

9 *at* West. John *Viscount* Fermanagh, Edm. Denton, Bart.

12 *at* West. *Hon.* John *Viscount* Fermanagh, John Fletewode, Esq;

* *In his Place, made a Judge, Hon.* Will. Egerton, Esq;

TOWN

# TOWN OF BUCKINGHAM.

THIS Town, denominating the County, tho' by *Camden* deriv'd from *Bucben*, a Beach-Tree, seems rather to take its Name from *Buc-Cervus*, a Buck, or Hart; and its present Vicinity to the Forest, may make us conclude so, it being anciently within its Limits. *Camden's Brit. p. 283.*

About the 44th Year after our Saviour's Birth, *Aulus Plautius*'s first Victory over the *Britains*, upon the Banks of the *Ouse*, seems to have been gain'd near this Place, which, in the Time of the *Saxons*, on the first spreading of Christianity, was remarkable for the Sepulchre of St. *Rumwold*, a Child-Saint, Son to a King, born at *Kings-Sutton*, 1 *Nov. An.* 626, where he deceas'd two Days after, and appointed his Body to be bury'd there the first Year, the two next at *Brackley*, and at *Bucks* for *Kennet's Paroch. Antiq.* p. 7. *Lamberd's Peramb. of Kent*, p. 249, 250. *Leland's Itin. Vol.* 3. p. 39.

*Capgrave Legend. fol. 276.* for ever after: Which is the first Mention I meet with of this Town before King *Alfred's* Time, and his Son, King *Edward the Elder*, who, *Anno* 915, lodging here a considerable Time, fortify'd *Buckingham*, with a Rampire and Turrets on both Sides the River, to prevent the Incursions of the *Danes*, who afterwards, *An.* 1010, march'd hither, as to a Place of Strength. *Chron. Sax.* Yet it seems to have been no considerable Town in the Time of the *Normans*; for *Doomsday-Book* informs us, *it paid only for one Hide, and had but twenty seven Burgesses.* *Doomsday-Book.* Soon after the *Norman* Invasion, this Town, with the Earldom, was conferr'd upon *Walter Giffard*, whose Son and Heir *Walter* dying without Issue Male, *Richard de Clare*, Earl of *Clare*, obtain'd the Manour by Marriage of *Roesia*, Daughter and Heir of the said *Walter*; from whose Descendants, in the Reign of King *John*, it pass'd likewise in Marriage with the Daughter of *R.* Earl of *Clare*, to *William de Brewose*, whose Family possessing it during the Reigns of *Hen.* 3. *Ed.* 1 & 2. it came, after the Death of *John de Brewose, Temp. Ed.* 3. to *Hugh de Audley*, who having Issue only one Daughter, nam'd *Margaret*, she brought to her Husband *Ralf*, created Earl of *Stafford*, with other Lands belonging to her vast Inheritance, this Manour, whose Grandson *Edmund* Earl of *Stafford*, marrying *Anne*, Daughter of *Thomas* of *Woodstock*, Uncle of *Ric.* 2. created by the said King, Earl of *Buckingham*, having Issue by the said *Anne* a Son, nam'd *Humfry*, on Account of his Possession of this Town, and

*Dug. Bar. Vol.* 1. p. 207.

*Dug. Bar. Vol.* 1. *p.* 419.

of his Deſcent, prevail'd with K. *Henry* VI, to advance him to the Title of Duke of *Buckingham*, which he loſt, with his Life, fighting on that King's Side at *Northampton*, *An.* 1460; ſoon after which, as the Inquiſition ſets forth, *Henry*, his Grandſon, was found to be his Heir; but, on Regard of his Granfather's Attainder by K. *Edw.* 4, this his Manour of *Buckingham* was granted to *Richard Fowler*, Chancellor of the Dutchy of *Lancaſter*. However, upon the Acceſſion of *Hen.* 7. to the Crown, it again reverted to the Family of *Staffords*, if not upon *Fowler*'s Death, which happen'd *Anno* 1477, 17 *Ed.* 4. and was enjoy'd by *Edward*, the third Duke of *Buckingham* of that Family, who being beheaded *An.* 13. *Hen.* 8. the ſaid King the ſame Year, by his Letters Patent, dated the 18th of *March*, granted this Manour and Borough to *Henry* Lord *Marney*, and his Iſſue Male; upon Failure of which, *An.* 17 of the ſaid King, this Town was conferr'd upon *William Cary*, Eſq; whoſe Son *Henry* growing in ſpecial Favour with King *Edw.* 6. obtain'd a Confirmation of the ſame to himſelf and his Heirs for ever; who, in Regard of his near Alliance to Queen *Elizabeth*, being her Siſter's Son, was created Baron of *Hunſdon*, *Com. Hertford*. How long this Family poſſeſs'd this Town, I have not ſeen, or whether, in King *James*'s the 1ſt's Time, they did not exchange it for other Lands with the Crown; for *An.* 18. *Cha.* I, the King granted to *Uriah Babington*, and others, this Manour, with the Fairs, &c. thereto belonging, paying yearly ten Pounds as a Quit-

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p.* 679.

*Pat. Edw.* 4.

*Pat.* 13 *Hen.* 8.

*Ibid.* 17. *Hen.* 8.

*Dugd. Bar. Vol.* 2. *p.* 397.

*Pat.* 18. *Car.* 1.

Rent to the Crown; which being purchas'd by Sir *Peter Temple* of *Stow*, in this County, Bar. the Leaſe of the ſame has been ſince lett by that Family to the Corporation, who paying the aboveſaid Rent, hold it at this Day. The Town of *Buckingham*, as deſcrib'd by *Camden*, and according to the Draught in *Speed*'s Maps, is divided (as it were) in two Parts by a great Mount, on which ſtood a Caſtle, now entirely periſh'd. As for the Buildings, they are of late much improv'd, and the Town-Hall, erected chiefly at the Coſt of Sir *Ralph Verney*, Kt. and Bart. about thirty Years ago, is a very handſome and convenient Structure; in it are kept the Weights and Meaſures of the County, by Act of Parliament *Temp. Hen.* 7. in whoſe Time, as well as before, it had chiefly the County-Buſineſs, 'till by the Partiality of the Lord Chief Juſtice *Baldwin*, Native of *Aileſbury*, which Lordſhip he purchas'd the ſucceeding Reign, the Gaol begun to be fix'd altogether at *Aileſbury*, and the Aſſizes, Seſſions, County-Buſineſs, *&c.* held generally there; ſince when, and by Loſs of the Wooll-Trade, in which this for many Years had been a great Staple Town, it has ſuffer'd much. However, it is ſtill large and populous, and next to *Wicombe* of chiefeſt Note, and its Church dedicated to St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, built *Temp. Edw.* 4. The only Church now remaining in the Town, (for I have ſeen, that here were formerly two others, beſides a Chapel of Eaſe, now converted into a Free-School) is a very large and ſpacious Building; and when its

Spire

Spire was ſtanding, might be accounted the beſt in the County: Which Spire was equal in Height to moſt in *England*, it riſing 127 Foot from the Baſis on which it ſtood on the Top of the Tower; which, together with the Height of the Tower, was exactly anſwerable, according to other *Gothick* Structures, to the Length of the whole Building from *Eaſt* to *Weſt*. But this Steeple being blown down 7 *Feb.* 169⅔ by a Tempeſt, having never been rebuilt, has eclips'd much the Proſpect of the Town, which before yielded the pleaſanteſt of any in the County. As to other Perſons not mention'd before in this Account, dignify'd with Titles, from hence we may reckon *Richard Strongbow*, Earl of *Pembroke*, who marrying a Siſter of *Walter Giffard*, ſecond Earl of this Place, is ſaid, in ſome publick Inſtruments, to have wrote himſelf Earl of *Buckingham*; which Title coming afterwards to *Thomas* of *Woodſtock*, Duke of *Glouceſter*, and *Humfry Plantagenet* his Son, who dy'd without Iſſue, was, after the *Staffords* Attainder already ſpoken of, next conferr'd upon *George Villiers*, made Earl hereof *An.* 14. *Jac.* 1. and finally created Duke *An.* 21 of the ſaid King; which laſt Title becoming extinct on the Death of his Son *George Villiers*, late Duke, *An.* 1687, was not long ſince, *viz.* *An.* 1702, reviv'd in the Right Honourable *John Sheffeild*, Marquis of *Normanby*, tho' he may be rather ſaid to be nominated Duke of the County, than of the Town of *Buckingham*.

*Sandford's Genealog. Hiſt.* p. 227

*R. Pat. A.* 14. *Jac.* 1.

Touching the Repreſentatives of this Place, that it was an ancient Borough, and Town-Corporate,

*Doomſday-Book.* Corporate, there are ſeveral Evidences; and in *Doomſday-Book* there is no Place in this County ſtil'd a Borough, except this; however, there is not the leaſt Appearance it was ever repreſented in Parliament, before 36 *Hen.* VIII, or ever had any Summons to ſend to any Parliament, during any former Reigns, or ever had iſſu'd to it, before that Time, above two Precepts, which were to ſend to Councils, and not to Parliaments, in Matters chiefly relating to Trade, this being a great Staple Town, as ſeveral Wooll-Halls now ſtill ſtanding, evidence. The firſt of theſe Precepts was directed to the Bailiffs of *Buckingham*, *Anno* 11 *Edw.* III, to ſend Repreſentatives to a great Council, which they, as all the Trading Towns in *England* then ſummon'd, were oblig'd to comply with: The other was directed, *Anno* 27 of the ſaid Reign, on the like Account, to the Mayor and Bailiffs of *Buckingham*; but the Return of this Precept not being ſo ſtrictly enjoin'd, the ſaid Mayor and Bailiffs made no Execution of it.

*Brev. Par. A.* 11. *Ed.* 3. *Rot. Clauſ. A.* 27. *Ed.* 3. *in Turr. Lond.*

The firſt Summons, in Regard that *Abingdon*, *Cirenceſter*, *Brackley*, *Newark*, *Banbury*, and St. *Edmond's-bury*, which were never Parliamentary Boroughs, 'till after *Buckingham*, and ſeveral other great Towns, as *Sherburne*, Co. *Dorſet*; *Chelmsford*, Co. *Eſſex*; *Melton-Mowbray*, Co. *Leiceſter*; and *Doncaſter*, Co. *York*, which never had Burgeſſes in Parliament; comply'd with, and yielded thereto; and alſo, in Reſpect that none of theſe Places ever receiv'd any other Summons, is here, on that Account, inſerted.

Ed-

*Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hiberniæ, & Dux Aquitaniæ, Ballivis Villæ de Bokyngham Salutem. Quia propter aliqua nos, & nostra, & Regnum nostrum urgentia negotia, & vos etiam, & villam prædictam, & salvam custodiam ejusdem contingentia vobis præcipimus, firmiter injungentes, quod tres vel quatuor Homines dictæ Villæ, de probioribus & discretioribus hominibus Villæ illius, venire faciatis apud Westmonasterium, ita quod personaliter sint ibidem Die Veneris proximo, ante Festum Sancti Michaelis proximo futuro, ad ultimum ad tractandum nobiscum, & aliis de Concilio nostro, super præmissis & ea tangentibus. Et ad faciendum ulterius quod inde de communi Avisamento Consilii nostri duximus ordinandum, & eis plenius per nos injungetur. Et hoc propter arduitatem negotiorum prædictorum, & sicut vos erga nos indempnes servari volueritis, modis omnibus faciatis scientes, quod si dicti homines ad Diem & Locum non veniant supradictos, tam ipsos quam vos propter inobedientiam vestram, & suam, & contemptum nobis in hac parte factam duriori modo quo cum Justitia poterimus puniemus. Nos de Nominibus illorum ad nos apud dictum locum sic venientes, ad dictum Diem certificantes, remittentesque nobis hoc Breve. Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium, Ado Die Septembris, Anno Regni nostri Undecimo.*

*Brev. Par. in Tur. Lond. A. 11. E. 3.*

*Per ipsum Regem, & Consilium.*

On the Dorse of this Writt are enter'd the Names of three Persons sent to this Council, pursuant to it.

But

But to return from what therefore has been before obſerv'd, we muſt date the firſt Return of Burgeſſes for this Borough, *Anno* 36. *Hen.* VIII. at the latter End of his laſt Parliament; for on the Calling, or Beginning, of that Parliament, *Anno* 33, the Sheriff of *Buckinghamſhire*, ſent up no Indenture for any Borough in this County, except *Wicombe*, as his Predeceſſors likewiſe had done for upwards of three hundred Years laſt paſt, no other Town then returning Burgeſſes; by which ſaid Indenture, made *Anno* 36 *Hen.* VIII, between the Sheriff on the one Part, *Thomas Atkins*, Bailiff, and the Burgeſſes (the Number of which is not nam'd) on the other Part, the Members were return'd; as they were alſo the two Parliaments of *Edw.* VI. (tho' in the firſt of theſe, the Bailiff and eleven Burgeſſes are nam'd) After which Queen *Mary*, by Charter dated 27 *Jan.* in the firſt Year of her Reign, incorporated this Town, (former Charters being probably loſt) and endow'd it with divers Privileges, appointing a Bailiff and twelve principal Burgeſſes to the Government of the ſame, whom ſhe empower'd to elect and return two Burgeſſes in Parliament; in whoſe Right alone, by the Determination of the *Houſe of Commons*, *Anno* 1689, the Election has been adjudg'd to belong; and it has accordingly been executed by them in like manner, except during three or four Years, including the latter End of K. *Charles* the IId's Reign, and the Beginning of King *James*'s, *viz.* from the Year 1684 to the Year 1688; the Stile of Bailiff and Burgeſſes

*Brev. Par. in capella Rotuſorum; A.* 33 & 36 *Hen.* 8.

*Cart. penes Ball. & Burgen's Bucks.*

*Bohun's Right of Elect. p.* 61.

*Cart. in Ciſt. Burg. Bucks.*

ſes being then, upon Surrender of the old Charter, chang'd into the Title of Mayor and Aldermen; but this laſted, as aforeſaid, only four Years; and being then revok'd, the old Eſtabliſhment again took Place, and ſo continues to this Day. The Names of the Repreſentatives of this Borough, are as follows.

## EDWARD III.

11 *Council at* Weſt. Hugh Kynebell, Roger le Draper, Hen. de Selveſton.

## HENRY VIII.

36 *P. at* Weſt. John Joſſelin, Eſq; Ralf Gifford, Gent.

## EDWARD VI.

1 *P. at* Weſt. Hen. Cary, Eſq; John Joſſeline, Eſq
6 *at* Weſt. Edmond Chamberleyne, Eſq; Francis Veney, Eſq;

## MARY.

1 *P. at* Weſt. Will. Walter, Eſq; Edw. Giffard, Eſq;
1 *at* Oxford, Hen. Cary, Eſq; Geo. Fettiplace, Eſq

## PHILIP & MARY.

1 & 2 *P. at* Weſt. Hen. Cary, Eſq; Geo. Fettiplace, Eſq;
2 & 3 *at* Weſt. Hen. Cary, Eſq; Hugh Minours, Gent.
4 & 5 *at* Weſt. Bernard Brocas, Eſq; John Higford, Eſq;

## ELIZABETH.

1 *P. at* Weſt. Rob. Drury, Will. Riſley.
5 *at* Weſt. Rob. Newdigate, Paul Wentworth.
13 *at* Weſt. Rob. Newdigate, Tho. Wenman.
14 *at* Weſt. Henry Carye, Laurence Hollinſhed.
27 *at* Weſt. Michael Harcourt, Eſq; John Carye, Eſq;

28 *P. at* West. John Forteſcue, Chriſt. Edmunds, Eſq;
31 *at* West, John Carye, Francis Forteſcue, Eſq;
35 *at* West. John Carye, Eſq; Fra. Forteſcue, Eſq;
39 *at* West. Edw. Carye, Eſq; Francis Forteſcue, Eſq;
43 *at* West. Chriſt. Hatton, Eſq; Rob. Newdigate, Eſq;

## JAMES I.

1 *P. at* West. * Edw. Terrel, Kt. Tho. Denton, Kt.
12 *at* West. . . . . .
18 *at* West. Tho. Denton, Kt. Richard Oliver, Eſq;
21 *at* West. Edw. Verney, Kt. Richard Oliver, Eſq;

* *In his Place, deceas'd,* Fra. Goodwin, Kt.

## CHARLES I.

1 *P. at* West. Alexander Denton, Kt. Ric. Oliver, Eſq;
1 *at* West. Alexander Denton, Kt. John Smith, Kt.
3 *at* West. Tho. Denton, Kt. Ric. Oliver, Eſq;
15 *at* West. Peter Temple, Kt. *and* Bart. Alexander Denton, Kt.
16 *at* West. Peter Temple, Kt. *and* Bart. ‡ Alexander Denton, Kt.

‡ *In his Place, deceas'd,* John Dormer, Eſq;

## CHARLES II.

12 *P. at* West. Ric. Temple, Bart. John Dormer, Eſq;
13 *at* West. Ric. Temple, Bart. Will. Smith, Bart.
31 *at* West. Edw. *Viſcount* Latimer, Ric. Temple, Bart.
Edw. *Viſcount* Latimer, Peter Terrill, Bart.
*Double Return.*
31 *at* West. Edw. *Viſcount* Latimer, Ric. Temple, Bart, *and Knight of the* Bath,
32 *at* Oxf. Ric. Temple, Bart. *and Knight of the* Bath, Ralph Verney, *Knight and Baronet.*

## JAMES II.

1 *P. at* West. Ric. Temple, *Bart. and Knight of the* Bath, Ralph Verney, *Knight and Baronet.*

## WILLIAM and MARY.

1 *P. at* West. Ric. Temple, *Bart. and Knight of the* Bath, Ralph Verney, *Knight and Baronet.*
2 *at* West. Ric. Temple, *Bart. and Knight of the* Bath, Alexander Denton, Esq;

## WILLIAM III.

7 *P. at* West. * Ric. Temple, *Bart. and Knight of the* Bath, Alexander Denton, Esq;
10 *at* West. Richard Temple, Bart. ‡ Alexander Denton, Esq;
12 *at* West. Richard Temple, Bart. Edmond Denton, Bart.
13 *at* West. Richard Temple, Bart. Edmond Denton, Bart.

* *In his Place, deceas'd,* Richard Temple, Bart.
‡ *In his Place, deceas'd,* Edmond Denton, Esq;

## ANNE.

1 *P. at* West. Edm. Denton, Bart. Roger Price *of* Westbury, Esq;
4 *at* West. * Richard Temple, Bart. Edmond Denton, Esq;
7 *at* West. Richard Temple, Bart. Alexander Denton, Esq;
9 *at* West. Richard Temple, Bart. Thomas Chapman, Esq;
12 *at* West. John Radcliffe, *M. D.* Thomas Chapman, Esq;

* *In his Place, chose for the Co. of* Bucks, Browne Willis, Esq;

# BOROUGH OF CHIPPING-WICOMBE

THAT this was a Town of Note in the Time of the *Saxons*, its Name of *Chipping-Wicombe*, which in *Saxon* ſignifies *Market-Wicombe*, imports: In *Edward the Confeſſor's* Time, it belong'd to the Crown, and was held by his Queen's Tenant; but in the next Reign, *viz.* King *Harold's*, *Wigod*, a noble Thane, Lord of *Wallingford*, was poſſeſs'd of it, who is ſaid, *Temp. Will.* 1. to die ſeiz'd of the Borough and Out-Village of *Wicombe*; by Virtue of whoſe Death, it came to *Robert de Oilly*, who had it given him by the Conqueror, in Marriage with *Aldith*, only Daughter of the ſaid *Wigod*; and in the Time of the *Norman* Survey, the ſaid *Robert* was ſeiz'd thereof, *when it defended it ſelf for two Hides, and had forty Villans, or Copy holders, twenty Cottages, &c. with ſeven Mills, &c. and was valu'd*

*Doomſday-Book.*

*Camden's Britan. p. 278.*

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq p. 55.*

*Doomſday-Book.*

'd at 27 l. From *Robert de Oilly*, it paſs'd gain in Marriage with *Maud*, his ſole Daughter and Heir, to her two Huſbands, *Miles Criſpin* and *Brian Fitz-Count*; but in Regard that ſhe had no Iſſue by either of them, King *Hen.* 1. ſeiz'd upon the Borough of *Wallingford*, to which this Place belong'd, and not to the Church of *Winchester*, as a certain Author remarks, *who tells us, that this Manour was allotted to the Monks of* Winchester, *for their Dyet*, miſtaking *Chipping* for *Weſt Wicombe*, (which was given to that Church before the Conqueſt, and belong'd to it 'till *Edw.* the 6th's Time.)

Brady *of Boroughs*, P. 41.

This Manour being thus in the Crown, had, by the King's Gift, great Privileges conferr'd upon it, as a Confirmation of Markets and Fairs, and every Thing belonging to a free Borough; which, as I take it, this Place was made by the ſaid King *Hen.* 1. for notwithſtanding Mr. *Camden* calls it, from an old Inquiſition, a Borough about the Time of the Conqueſt, it was not ſo till after the 18th of *Will.* 1. it being otherwiſe ſtil'd in *Doomſday-Book*: All which aboveſaid Privileges, the Burgeſſes challeng'd, as claiming them from the King's Anceſtors of their Lord *Alan Baſſet*; of whom they complain'd for oppreſſing them; which *Alan* had the Town given him by King *John*, *An. Reg.* 5. the King reſerving in Fee-Farm a Rent of 20 *l. per Ann.* payable at his Exchequer by the ſaid *Alan Baſſet*, whom he made Baron of *Wicombe*; to which Title his Son and Heir *Gilbert* ſucceeded; whoſe Son and Heir *Philip*, having no

*Camden's Brit.* p. 278.

*Fin. Co. Bucks, A.* 10 *Hen.* 3.

*Cart. A.* 5. *R. Joh. n.* 210, *in Tur. Lond.*

*Dug. Bar. Vol.* 1. p. 383.

Iſſue

Iſſue Male, gave this Town, in Marriage with *Aliva* his Daughter, to *Hugh Depenſer*, Juſticiar of *England*; which *Hugh* taking Part with the rebellious Barons, loſt his Life the 6th of *Auguſt*, 49 *Hen.* 3. at the Battel of *Eveſham*, fighting valiantly on their Side againſt the King. But notwithſtanding this, his Wife, by the Intereſt of her Father, who was ſtill alive, was allow'd to keep for Life this Manour, which ſhe brought to her Huſband as a Portion, and dy'd ſeiz'd of, *An.* 9. *Edw.* 1. By Virtue of which, this Place, reverting, by her Huſband's Rebellion, to the Crown, was a ſecond Time annex'd to the Honour of *Wallingford*; (which Honour was then made Part of the Dutchy of *Lancaſter*) and accordingly the Steward of that Liberty, *viz. Wallingford*, receiv'd the Profits of the Manour of *Wicombe*, call'd *Baſſet's* Manour; and upon Demand of Burgeſſes for this Town, executed the Return of them during the Reigns of *Edw.* 1 & 2. and likewiſe in the Beginning of *Edw.* the 3d's Time, this Manour ſtill continuing in the Crown 'till the 18th of the ſaid King *Edw.* 3. when the ſaid Manour of *Wicombe*, call'd from the *Baſſets*, *Baſſet's-Bury*, with the Fee-Farm-Rents of the Town of *Great Wicombe*, Parcel of the Lands of the Dutchy of *Lancaſter*, were demis'd to the *Cuſtos*, or Dean and Canons of *Windſor*, and their Succeſſors; of whoſe Tenants Leaſſees of *Baſſet's-Bury*, adjoining to *Wicombe*, the Corporation of this Place hold the Borough, paying to the Tenants of the ſaid Church of *Windſor*, a conſiderable Quit-Rent of 26 *l. per Ann.*

*Brev. Par. in Tur. Lond.*

*Aſhmole's Hiſt. of the Order of the Garter, p.* 170.

Having

Having thus, to this preſent Time, deriv'd
he Lords of the Borough of *Wicombe*, I
hould proceed to ſhew when this ancient
orough (which for above 300 Years toge-
her was the only Town in *Buckinghamſhire*
hat ſent Burgeſſes to Parliament) was firſt
ncorporated. But this I have not yet exactly
earn'd, tho' I adjudge it to be in *Edw.* the 4th's
ime, the Names of the Mayors *in ciſtâ Burgi*,
eginning no earlier than the Middle of his
eign, and the Returns of Burgeſſes appearing
ever to be made by a particular Magiſtrate,
ill his Time, and the Indenture remaining in
he Tower before the 7th of *Edw.* 4. *viz.*
*n.* 31. *Hen.* 6. being executed by the She-
iff and Burgeſſes, and not by the Sheriff
nd Mayor, as in the ſaid 7th of *Edward*
he 4th ſhewing it; at which Time, the
heriff, as he had frequently done before,
eſtify'd, *that this was the only Borough in*
*is Bailiffwick*, which, as it then demonſtrated
s Pre-eminence over the reſt of the Towns
n this County, ſo it may, at this Day, ſtill
hallenge the ſame, it being, in all Reſpects,
he beſt built and wealthieſt Town in *Buck-*
*ghamſhire*, and the greateſt Market, the Toll
f which, belonging to the Corporation, is
ett by Leaſe of twenty one Years, for 130 *l.*
*r Annum*, beſides 100 *l.* Fine. This Town
ontains about 300 Houſes, and is divided in-
o theſe Wards, *Euſton*, *Frogmere*, *Paul's-Row*,
nd *High-ſtreet* Ward, and govern'd by a
Mayor, two Bailiffs, and twelve Aldermen,
*&c.* and conſiſts of a ſpacious well-built
treet, and another croſs-one; and is adorn'd
with

*Brev. Par. in Tur. Lond.*

with a moſt goodly, large, and elegant Church and Steeple, whoſe Tower is thirty two Yards high, proportionable to twice the Height of the Church; which, with the Chancel, makes, in Length, about twice the Height of the Steeple: Which Church, dedicate to *All-Saints*, becoming impropriate to the Monaſtery of *Godſtow*, (which maintain'd in it two Chauntry-Prieſts, beſides a third, at a Place call'd *The Bower*) had the good Luck, not long before the *Diſſolution*, to be built in the ſame Form as it now is; however, the *Reformation* coming on, prevented finiſhing the Pinacles of the Tower. But to conclude, the Right of electing Repreſentatives in Parliament for this Borough, is veſted in the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes, being Free-men inhabiting the Borough, to which Number the Corporation have alſo thought fit to add ſeveral other Perſons not inhabiting the ſame, by conſtituting them *Honorary* Free-men, or Burgeſſes, whoſe Number being uncertain, is therefore omitted.

## EDWARD I.

28 P. *at* Weſt. * Stephen Ayott, Tho. le Taylur.
30 *at* Lond. Adam de Guldeford, Roger Allitarius.
33 *at* Weſt. Roger Allitarius, John le Piſtor.
34 *at* Weſt. Peter le Cotiler, John le Baker.
35 *at* Carliſle, Peter le Cotiler, Andrew Batyn.

* *In his Place, being infirm* John de la Lude.

## EDWARD II.

1 P. *at* Northton. Peter le Cotiler, Roger de Sandwell.
2 *at* Weſt. Peter le Cotiler, Edm. de Haveringdonn.

2 *P. at* Weſt. Vicecomes Bucks reſpondit, quod breve retornatum fuit Ballivo Libertatis Honoris Wallinſord, ut venire faciat ad Parliamentum duos Burgenſes de Villa de Wycombe, ſecundum Tenorem Brevis; at Rogerus de Sandwell prædicti Libertatis Ballivus nullum dedit Reſponſum.

6 *at* Weſt. Tho. Gerveys, Matthew le Fuller.

6 *at* Weſt. Rob. Paer, Will. le Caſſiere.

8 *at* Weſt. Ballivus Honoris Wallingford nullum Reſponſum.

12 *at* York, Rob. Smith, Will. le Fote.

16 *at* Weſt. Ric. le Harlere, Benner le Caſſiere.

19 *at* Weſt. John le Taylor, John de Sandwell.

20 *at* Weſt. Roger Sandwell, Matthew le Fuller.

## EDWARD III.

1 P. *at* Linc. Ric. *atte* Walle, John *atte* Donne.

1 *at* York, *Cedula manca.*

2 *at* Northton. John *atte* Don, Hen. de Muſſenden.

4 *at* Winch. John le Harriere, Ric. Perre.

6 *at* Weſt. Matthew Fuller, Ric. Tottering.

7 *at* Weſt. Jordan de Wycomb, Ric. Bennet.

8 *at* Weſt. Jordan de Wycomb, Ric. Beneye.

9 *at* Weſt. John Ayot, Ric. Perkyn.

10 *at* Weſt. John le Harrare, Tho. Gervays.

10 *Council at* Nottingham, John Agod, Ric. Abyndon.

11 P. *at* Weſt. John le Clerk, John Pool.

12 *at* York, Stephen Ayot, John le Taverner.

12 *at* Northton. Tho. Gerveys, Jordan de Preſton.

12 *at* Weſt. Tho. Gerveys, Jordan de Preſton.

13 *at* Weſt. Tho. Gerveys, Jordan de Preſton.

14 *at* Weſt. Jordan de Preſton, Tho. Gerveys.

15 *at* Weſt. Rob. Stenſtoole, Rob. Haughford.

20 *at* Weſt. Rob. Haughford, Ralf Barber.

21 *at* Weſt. John Martyn, Rob. Cuttingham.

22 *at* Weſt. Walter *atte* Leech, Will. Caſſyare.

29 *at* Weſt. Tho. Gerveys, Ralf Haughford.

31 *at* Weſt. Tho. Gerveys, Rob. de Haughford.

31 *at* Weſt. John Mepertſhale, Tho. Gerveys.

34 *at* Weſt. Tho Gerveys, Rob. le Wheeler.

34 *at* Weſt. Tho. Gerveys, Ric. Spigurnell.

36 *at* Weſt. Tho. Gerveys, Will. Frere.

39 *P. at* West. Tho. Comtwaile, Ric. Barbour.
42 *at* West. Will. *atte* Dene, Tho. Cornewayle.
43 *at* West. Tho. Gerveys, Will. *atte* Dene.
45 *Council at* Winchester, Will. *atte* Dene.
46 *P. at* West. Will. *atte* Dene, John Bledlowe.
47 *at* West. Will. *atte* Dene, Tho. Ballard.
50 *at* West. Will. *atte* Dene, Tho. Ballard.

## RICHARD II.

1 *P. at* West. Will. *atte* Dene, Ric. Sandwell.
2 *at* Glouc. Will. *atte* Dene, Ric. Jurdaine.
3 *at* West. Will. *atte* Dene, Ric. Sandwell.
5 *at* West. Tho. Ravell, Walter Frere.
6 *at* West. Will. Kele, Will. *atte* Dene.
7 *at* New Sarum, Stephen Watford, John Peytmin.
8 *at* West. Will. *atte* Dene, Ric. Kele.
9 *at* West. Stephen Watford, Ric. Keele.
10 *at* West. Walter Frere, Ric. Holyman.
11 *at* West. Walter Frere, Ric. Holyman.
12 *at* Camb. Stephen Watford, Will. *atte* Dene.
15 *at* West. Will. Dene, Will. Depham.
16 *at* Winch. Will. Depham, Walter Waltham.
18 *at* West. Will. *atte* Dene, Nic. Depham.
20 *at* West. Ric. Sandwell, Walter Waltham.

## HENRY IV.

1 P. *at* West. John Cottingham, Will. Clerke.
3 *at* West. Nic. Sperling, John Sandwell.

## HENRY V.

1 P. *at* West. Hen. Spiling, Roger Moore.
2 *at* West. Will. Hall, John Coventry.
3 *at* West. Will. Clerk, Andrew Sperling,
5 *at* West. Andrew Sperling, Rob. Moore.
7 *at* Glouc. Will. Merchant, John Cottingham.
8 *at* West. Roger Moore, Tho. Merston,
9 *at* West. John Harewood, Tho. Pusee.
9 *at* West. Roger Moor, Ric. Merston.

## HENRY VI.

1 P. *at* Weſt. Nic. Stepton, John Coventry.
2 *at* Weſt. John Coventry, Roger Moore.
3 *at* Weſt. Will. Whapelade, John Cottingham.
4 *at* Leic, Tho. Muſton, Will. Stocton.
6 *at* Weſt. John Coventry, John Juſtice.
8 *at* Weſt, John Wetteſhourn, John Biſhop.
9 *at* Weſt. Roger Moore, Will. Fowler.
11 *at* Weſt. John Martyn, John Blackpoll.
13 *at* Weſt. John Durein, John Cotyngham.
14 *at* Weſt. John Durin, Rob. Cottingham.
15 *at* Camb. John Hill, Eſq; Bartholomew Halling.
20 *at* Weſt. John Radeſhill, John Martyn.
25 *at* Camb. John Welleſhourn, John Martyn.
27 *at* Weſt. John Welleſbourn, John Haynes.
28 *at* Weſt. Will. Stocton, Nic. Fayrewell.
29 *at* Weſt. Will. Stocton, Tho. Moore.
31 *at* Reding, Walter Collard, David Thomaſyn.

## EDWARD IV.

7 P. *at* Weſt. Tho. Manſell, Tho. Catbery.
12 *at* Weſt. Tho. Fowler, Tho Fayrewell.
17 *at* Weſt. Tho. Gate, Tho. Wellyſborne.

## HENRY VIII.

33 P. *at* Weſt. John Gatts, Eſq; Will. Dormer, Eſq;

## EDWARD VI.

1 P. *at* Weſt. Tho. Fiſher, Armigyll Wade.
6 *at* Weſt. Hen. Peckham, Eſq; John Cheyney, Eſq;

## MARY,

1 P. *at* Weſt. Hen. Peckham, Eſq; Rob. Drury.
1 *at* Oxford, Hen. Peckham, Tho. Pymme.

## PHILIP & MARY,

1 & 2 P. *at* Weſt. John . . . . Rob. Drury.

2 & 3 P. *at* West. Hen. Peckham, Esq; Rob. Drury, Esq;
4 & 5 *at* West. Tho Pymme, Rob. Woodleste.

## ELIZABETH.

1 P. *at* West. . . . . .
5 *at* West. Tho. Fermore, Esq; Tho. Kele, Esq;
13 *at* West. John Russel, Esq; Rob. Christmas, Esq;
14 *at* West. Tho. Kele, Esq; Rowland Goates, Esq;
27 *at* West. John Morley *of* London, Geo. Cawfeild *of* Grey's-Inn, Esq;
28 *at* West. Tho. Ridley, *L. L. D.* Geo. Fleetwood de la Vache, Esq;
31 *at* West. Owen Oglethorpe, *of* Newington *in the County of* Oxford, Fra. Goodwin, Esq;
35 *at* West. Tho. Tasburgh, *of* Beconsfeild, Thomas Forteſcue, *of the Inner Temple.*
39 *at* West. Will. Forteſcue, John Tasburgh.
43 *at* West. Ric. Blunt, Esq; Hen. Fleetwood, Esq;

## JAMES I.

1 P. *at* West. John Fleetwood, Kt. Gervase Fleetwood.
12 *at* West. . . . . .
18 *at* West. Ric. Lovelace, Esq; Arthur Goodwin, Esq;
21 *at* West. Hen. Cook, Esq; Arthur Goodwin, Esq;

## CHARLES I.

1 P. *at* West. Hen. Cooke, Esq; Tho. Lane, Esq;
1 *at* West. Hen. Cooke, Esq; Edm. Waller, Esq;
3 *at* West. Will. Borlase, Kt. Tho. Lane, Esq;
15 *at* West. Edm. Verney, *Knight Marshal*, Thomas Lane, Esq;
16 *at* West. * Edm. Verney, *Knight Marshal*, Thomas Lane, Esq;

* *In his Place, deceas'd,* Richard Brown, *Esq;*

## CHARLES II.

12 P. *at* West. Edm. Petty. Esq; Ric. Browne, Esq;
Edm. Petty, *Recorder*, Tho. Scott.
*Double Return.*
13 *at* West. ‡ Edm. Pye, Kt. *and* Bart. John Borlase, Bart.

‡ *In his Place, deceas'd,* Robert Sawyer, Esq;

31 *P. at* West. John Borlase, Bart. Tho. Lewis, Esq;
3 *at* West. John Borlase, Bart. Tho. Lewis, Esq;
32 *at* Oxford, John Borlase, Bart. Tho. Lewis, Esq;

## JAMES II.

1 *P. at* West. Denni. Hampson, Bart. Edward Baldwin, Esq;

## WILLIAM & MARY.

1 *P. at* West. Tho. Lewis, Esq; Will. Jephson, Esq;
2 *at* West. * Will. Jephson, Esq; Tho. Lewis, Esq;

## WILLIM III.

7 *P. at* West. ‡ Tho. Lewis, Esq; Cha. Godfrey, Esq;
10 *at* West. Cha. Godfrey, Esq; † John Archdale, Esq;
12 *at* West. Cha. Godfrey, Esq; Fleetwood Dormer, Esq;
13 *at* West. Cha. Godfrey, Esq; Fleetwood Dormer, Esq;

## ANNE.

1 *P. at* West. Cha. Godfrey, Esq; Fleetwood Dormer, Esq;
4 *at* West. Cha. Godfrey, Esq; Fleetwood Dormer, Esq;
7 *at* West. Cha. Godfrey, Esq; Fleetwood Dormer, Esq;
9 *at* West. Tho. Lee, Bart. Cha. Godfrey, Esq;
12 *at* West. Tho. Lee, Bart. John Wittewronge, Bart.

* *In his Place, deceas'd,* Charles Godfrey, Esq;

‡ *In his Place, deceas'd,* Fleetwood Dormer, Esq;

† *In his Place, refusing the Oaths, being a Quaker,* Tho. Archdale, Esq;

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## *AILESBURY.*

Camden's Brit. p. 280.

THIS Town, call'd by the *Saxons* Aeȝlesburh, is said to have been taken by *Cuthwulf*, *Anno* 572, from the *Britains*, it being then one of their strongest Garrisons. Soon after which, it grew famous; for St. *Osith*, (Daughter of *Fredewald*, a *Pagan* King, by *Wiburg* his Wife, Daughter of King *Penda*) born at *Quarendon* in this Parish, and educated by her two Aunts, *viz. Edith* (Lady of the Town of *Ailesbury*) and *Edburg*, who dwelt at *Ellisborough*; which St. *Osith*, being by her Father compell'd to marry *Siberus*, a Christian King of the *East Angles*, notwithstanding she had vow'd to lead a single Life, so wrought upon her Husband, as he permitted her to perform her said Vow, and gave her a Village, heretofore call'd *Chich*, but now

Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p. 25.

Leland's Itin. Vol. 8. p. 73.

Itin. Vol. 4. p. 100.

St.

St. *Oſith*, lying near *Colcheſter* in *Eſſex*, where ſhe built a Church to the Honour of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*; and living there in great Devotion, fell a Sacrifice to the Tyranny of *Ingwer* and *Ubba*, two *Daniſh* Pyrates, who caus'd her to be beheaded on the 7th Day of *October*, *An.* 600. After which, her Body having been bury'd at her Church aforeſaid, was thence remov'd to *Aileſbury*, and interr'd in the Church there, where it reſted forty ſix Years, 'till it was again tranſlated to *Chich*; during which Time many Miracles were ſaid to be done at *Aileſbury*, and that, in Memory of her, a Religious Houſe was built, where the Parſonage of *Aileſbury* now ſtands. But, to omit theſe Things, 'tis doubtleſs owing to her, that the Church of *Aileſbury* was one of the moſt ancient in all theſe Parts, and the Pariſh thereto belonging, of the greateſt Extent in the whole County, it including *Elliſborough*-Pariſh in the *Chilterne*, as alſo *Bierton*, *Buckland*, *Stoke-Mandeville*, and *Quarendon*; all which Places were formerly only Chapels of Eaſe to it, neither was the Manour of the Town leſs conſiderable; for, at the Time of the *Norman* Survey, *Aileſbury* Lordſhip, which was then the Demeſne Land of the Crown, was rated at 56 *l.* which Lordſhip the Conqueror (tho' he beſtow'd the Church with its Appendants, *viz. Bierton*, &c. on the Cathedral of *Lincoln*, to which it is at this Day Prebendal) ſtill reſerv'd to himſelf, as his immediate Succeſſors alſo did; for it was not alienated 'till the fifth of King *John*, who beſtow'd the ſame on

*Camden's Brit. p.* 351. *Newcourt's Report, Eccl. Vol.* 2. *p.* 455. *Mon. Angl. Vol.* 2. *p.* 182. *Leland's Itin. Vol.* 8. *p.* 73. *Ibidem Vol.* 4. *p.* 100. *Doomſday-Book.* *Plita Anno* 14. *E.* 1. *Pat. Anno* 5 *Johannis.*

*Geffry*

*Geffry Fitz-Piers*, Earl of *Eſſex*; yet nevertheleſs appointed the ſaid *Geffry* to pay a Quit-Rent out of it of 60 *l. per Annum* to the Crown, which was continu'd 'till Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time, (who releas'd the ſame, by granting the ſaid Rent to Sir *Tho. Barrington*, and his Heirs.) Tho' this Town had often chang'd its Owners, paſſing, upon Failure of Iſſue-Male of this *Geffry*'s Family, to *Joan* Wife of *Theobald le Botiler*, who, *Anno* 25 *Edw.* I, (upon the Deceaſe of *Richard Fitz-Geffry* and *Emma* his Relict, to whom this Manour was aſſign'd for Dower) in his Wife's Right, who was the ſaid *Richard*'s fourth Siſter and Co-Heir, had the Town of *Aileſbury* aſſign'd him *(inter alia)* for her Purparty; and the Deſcendants of the ſaid *Theobald*, afterwards created Earls of *Wilts* and *Ormond*, long enjoy'd the ſame: Tho, during the Reigns of *Edw.* IV and *Rich.* III, this Family being attainted for adhering to the Houſe of *Lancaſter*, the ſaid Princes granted *(inter alia)* this Town, Parcel of the Poſſeſſions of *James Butler*, Earl of *Wilts*, to *Henry Bourchier*, Earl of *Eſſex*; but the Scene being chang'd in the next Reign, and the Attainder revers'd by *Hen.* VII, they ſoon were reinſtated, and held this Manour in quiet Occupation, 'till on the Deceaſe of *Thomas* Earl of *Wilts* and *Ormond*, without Iſſue-Male, this Manour (as the Title of Earl of *Wilts* did) afterwards came to *Thomas*, Son of Sir *Richard Bullen*, Knight, and *Margaret* his Wife, Daughter and Co-Heir to *Thomas Botler* Earl of *Wilts* and *Ormond* aforeſaid; which ſaid *Thomas Bullen*, Earl of *Wilts*, Father of *Anne*,

*Dug. Bar. Vol.* 1.

*Ibidem Vol.* 2. *p.* 305.

*Anne*, one of King *Hen.* VIII's Queens, ſold the ſame to Sir *John Baldwin*, Knight, Lord Chief Juſtice of the *Common-Pleas*; which Sir *John* departing this Life, *Anno* 37 *Hen.* VIII, *Thomas Packington* and *John Borlaſe*, who marry'd, as I remember, his Daughters, were then found to be his Couſins and next Heirs, and accordingly had Partition of his Lands; upon ſharing of which, this Manour of *Aileſbury* was allotted to the ſaid *Thomas Packington*, whoſe Family now poſſeſs it. *Inquiſ. in Cur. Ward.*

The Town of *Aileſbury* conſiſts of ſeveral Streets (tho' the Houſes are not very contiguous) lying round about the Market-Place, which is large, in the Middle of which is a very convenient Hall, where the County Aſſizes and Seſſions are generally held: It was built, *Temp. Hen.* VIII, by Sir *John Baldwin*, Knight, Lord Chief Juſtice of the *Common-Pleas*, tho' the King gave the Timber; which Sir *John* was the greateſt Benefactor this Town ever had, the Cauſey leading towards *London* being rais'd at his Coſt, which, with his fixing the Gaol, and cauſing the County-Court and Buſineſs to be tranſacted here, occaſion'd great Improvements in Building and Trade, the Town being but meanly accommodated before his Time, and, in ſhort, to grow to what it is, which before could boaſt of nothing but its Church dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, which is a good Structure; and beſides which, there was heretofore nothing memorable in the Town, except the Houſe of *Grey Fryers*, founded *Temp. Rich.* II, which, at the *Diſſolution*, was given to the Lord *Leland's Itin. Vol.* 4. *p.* 100.

Chief Juſtice *Baldwin*, and became his Seat, as it did the *Packingtons* afterwards, 'till it was ruin'd in the great Rebellion; of which Religious Houſe, Dr. *London*, at the Time of the *Diſſolution*, gives this Account: "At "*Ailesbury* I find them very poor, and in Debt, their Ornaments very courſe, and very little Stuff of Houſhold there: I only ſold the Glaſs Windows, and their Ornaments, with their Materials: I left the Houſe whole, and only defac'd the Church there: The whole Church is well cover'd with Lead, and a good Roof. As to other Things of Note, the ancient Tenure muſt not be pretermitted, of finding Straw for the King's Bed, for which Service three Yard-Lands were given, which were poſſeſs'd by the Family of the *Ailesburies*, eminent Knights, tho they never were, as Mr. *Camden* was inform'd, Lords of the Town. As likewiſe, that *Anno* 1664, King *Charles* II beſtow'd the Title of Earl of this Place upon *Robert Bruce*, Earl of *Elgin* in *Scotland*, Father to the preſent Earl of *Ailesbury*.

*Dr. London's Letter to the Lord Cromwell.*

*Plita Coron. Anno 14 E. 1.*

Concerning this being a Parliamentary Borough, notwithſtanding what Dr. *Brady* alledges, of its being a Borough by ancient Demeſne, I am well aſſur'd it never had Repreſentatives, or was in any Reſpect ever term'd a Borough, 'till Queen *Mary*, by her Charter, dated 14 *Jan. Anno Regni* 1. & *Anno Domini* 155$\frac{4}{5}$, made it ſo, wherein ſhe granted, as follows;

"That the Village of *Ailesbury* ſhall be "one Body corporate, conſiſting of a Bailiff "and

*Ex Autog. in Cap. Rot.*

" and ten Aldermen, (out of which ten, the " Bailiff to be choſen) and twelve Burgeſſes, " and ſhall have Juriſdiction within the fol- " lowing Bounds, *viz.* from *Glaſwerſbridge* to " *Stanebridge*, and from *Holmanſbridge* to the " *Wall-bridge*. And that the ſaid ten Alder- " men ſhall chuſe twelve out of the diſcreet- " eſt Inhabitants of the Borough, who ſhall " be call'd capital Burgeſſes, and ſhall nomi- " nate, the 1ſt of *September*, one of the ſaid " Aldermen, who ſhall be Bailiff for one " Year, and ſworn into the Office at *Michael-* " *mas*, in the Preſence of the Steward and " Aldermen of the Borough, *&c.* And ſhe " grants to them and their Succeſſors a " *Wedneſday*-Market, and two Fairs for three " Days each, *viz.* on the Eve, Feaſt, and Day " after the *Annunciation*, and on the Eve, " Feaſt, and Day after the *Invention of the* " *Holy Croſs*, or *Holy-Rood-Day*, and a *Pye-* " *Powder-Court*, and all Privileges, as Stal- " lage, *&c.* belonging to the ſaid Mar- " kets and Fairs, and Return of Writts, " *&c.* And ſhe likewiſe grants to them " the Liberty of having a Gaol or Pri- " ſon in any convenient Place within the " ſaid Borough, for the ſafe keeping of any " Malefactors taken within the ſaid Borough, " till ſuch Time as they be diſcharg'd by " Law. And ſhe likewiſe grants, that the " Bailiff, for the Time being, ſhall be Eſ- " chaetor-Clerk of the Market, and Coroner, " And ſhe farther grants, that out of the ſaid " Aldermen one ſhall be elected to be a Ju- " ſtice of the Peace. And ſhe grants, that

" it ſhall be a County within it ſelf, and " have Tryal of Malefactors, and Aſſize " of Bread and Beer, and Liberty of holding " Land, to the Value of 20 *l. per Annum*, " notwithſtanding the Statute of *Mortmain*; " and likewiſe the Power and Faculty of " chuſing two Members of Parliament. Which laſt Privilege, in Reſpect I may not have a more proper Place to ſpecify it, I ſhall here give at length, for a Preſident of the Form us'd about this Time, and afterwards, in creating Parliamentary Boroughs in the original Words of the Charter.

*Volumus, ac pro nobis Hæredibus & Succeſſoribus noſtris per præſentes Concedimus & Ordinamus, quod ſint & erunt in dicto Burgo duo Burgenſes Parliamenti noſtri, Hæredum & Succeſſorum noſtrorum, quodque prædictus Ballivus, Aldermanni, & Burgenſes, dicti Burgi de Aileſbury, & Succeſſores ſui ſuper Breve noſtrum Hæredum, & Succeſſorum noſtrorum, de Electione Burgenſium Parliamenti eis directum, habeant, & habebunt Poteſtatem, Auctoritatem, & Facultatem, eligendi & nominandi duos diſcretos & probos viros dicti Burgi ſive Burgenſes Parliamenti noſtri, Hæredum & Succeſſorum noſtrorum, pro eodem Burgo; eoſdemque Burgenſes, ſic electos, ad Onera & Cuſtagia dicti Burgi & Parochiæ Communitatis ejuſdem mittent ad Parliamentum noſtrum, ubicunq; ad tunc fuerit eiſdem modo & forma, prout alii Burgenſes Regni noſtri Uſitatum & Conſuetum fuit. Quoſquidem Burgenſes, ſic electos & nominatos, Volumus intereſſe, & moram facere, ad Parliamentum noſtrum Hæredum & Succeſſorum*

ceſſorum noſtrorum, ad Onera & Cuſtagia dicti Burgi de Ailesbury, & Communitatis ejuſdem, durante tempore quo hujuſmodi Parliamentum teneri contigerit, in conſimilibus modo & forma prout alii Burgenſes Parliamenti, in quibuſcunque aliis Burgis, aut alio Burgo quocunque, infra dictum Regnum noſtrum Angliæ faciunt, ſeu facere conſueverunt. Et quiquidem Burgenſes, in hujuſmodi Parliamento noſtro Hæredum & Succeſſorum noſtrorum, habebunt voces ſuas, tam affirmativas quam negativas, ceteraque omnia & ſingula ibidem facient & exequantur, quæ alii Burgenſes, vel aliis Burgenſibus, Parliamenti noſtri, pro quibuscunque aliis Burgis, aut alio Burgo quocunque habent, facient, & exequantur, &c.

Purſuant to which, ſoon after, the Corporation return'd two Members, as appears by the following Indenture.

Hæc Indentura, facta ultimo die Martii, Anno Regni Mariæ, Dei Gratia, Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Reginæ, infra Eccleſiam Anglicanam & Hibernicam ſupremi Capitis, inter Willielmum Dorner, Militem, Vicecomitem Bucks, & Johannem Walwyn, Generoſum, Ballivum Burgi Corporati de Ailesbury, & Aldermannos, & Burgenſes ejuſdem teſtatur, Quod dictus Ballivus, Aldermanni, & Burgenſes Burgi prædicti, eligerunt, nominaverunt, & conſtituerunt Henricum Peckham, Armigerum, & Thomam Smith, Generoſum, Burgenſes Parliamenti Dominæ Reginæ proximi, tenendum apud Oxoniam ſecundo die Aprilis proximo ſequente. Et quod iidem Burgenſes plenariam poteſtatem pro ſe & Burgo prædicto habent ad conſentiendum eis quæ tunc ibidem pro Communitate & communi Utilitate Regni Angliæ quæcunque

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*quæcunque in dicto Parliamento ſunt tractanda. In cujus Rei Teſtimonium, uni parti hujus præſentis Indenturæ penes præfatum Willielmum Dormer, Militem, Vicecomitem Comitatus prædicti, præfatus Ballivus, Aldermanni, & Burgenſes, Sigillum ſuum commune pro Cauſis & Negotiis ſuis apponi fecerunt, &c.*

Which they alſo, no doubt, did afterwards, and made other Returns, notwithſtanding the Indentures made by the *Packington* Family, *A.* 14 & 28 *Eliz.* Which, foraſmuch as they are given at Length in the Appendix of Dr. *Brady*'s Treatiſe of Boroughs, Page 35, I ſhall thither refer, and only add, that I have ſeen one other Indenture in the *Rolls*-Chapel, the ſame as the laſt in Dr. *Brady*, *viz. Anno* 39 *Eliz.* for which I know not otherwiſe to account, but that the Corporation being large, conſiſting of many Members, made the Succeſſion difficult to be ſupply'd, and thereby becoming weary of acting, by the Inſults of the Townſmen, who regretted their Authority, to tax them to pay the Repreſentatives, probably occaſion'd their ſubmitting to the *Packingtons* Nomination of Burgeſſes in Parliament. The ſaid Family, no doubt, yielding and conſenting to defray their Expences, and acquit the Borough of the ſame. Which having been thus ſometime practis'd, and the Corporation, as before obſerv'd, tir'd to find Perſons to ſupply their Truſt, growing negligent of renewing the Vacancies of thoſe nam'd in their Charter, and allowing the Populacy to have Suffrages with them in

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chuſing their Repreſentatives, induc'd them by Degrees to ceaſe acting. However, notwithſtanding this, they kept up ſome Pretenſions to it, (and, perhaps, as long as any ſurviv'd that were nominated in their Charter) and retain'd their chief Magiſtrate, *viz.* the Bailiff, who, in Queen *Elizabeth*'s next Parliament, return'd the Members, as appears by the Indenture made at *Aileſbury*, 24 *October*, *Anno* 43 *Eliz.* 'Between *Thomas Denton*, Eſq; 'High Sheriff of *Bucks*, of the one Part, and '*Edw. Cockman*, Bailiff of the Borough aforeſaid, on the other Part, which witneſſeth, 'That the aforeſaid Bailiff of the ſaid Borough and Town (by Virtue of the Warrant to 'him the ſaid Bailiff directed) and the Burgeſſes of the Borough, have elected *John Lillie*, 'Eſq; and *Ric. Moore*, Eſq; &c. And afterwards, in 1, 18, & 21 *Jac.* I. & 1 *Car.* I. the Indentures run in the Name of a Bailiff and Burgeſſes, and are in no-wiſe made by the Inhabitants at large, 'till 3 *Car.* I, which is the firſt Time the Indenture was executed in that Manner, *viz.* in the Name of the Inhabitants and Burgeſſes, who are upwards of 300; which ſaid Inhabitants, not receiving Alms, are the Electors, and the Conſtables are the Officers who return the Repreſentatives; a Liſt of whoſe Names here follows.

## MARY.

1 P. & M. Oxf. * Hen. Peckham, Eſq; Tho. Smith, Eſq;

## PHILIP

* *In his Place*, Humfry Moſeley, Gent.

## PHILIP & MARY.

1 & 2 P. at West. . . . . Will. Ryse.
2 & 3 at West. Will. Ryse, Anthony Restwold.
4 & 5 at West. . . . . .

## ELIZABETH.

1 P. at West. Arthur Porter, Tho. Crawley.
5 at West. Tho. Sackville, Tho. Colleshill, Esq;
13 at West. Tho. Litchfield, Edm. Dockwra, Esq;
14 at West. Tho. Litchfield, George Burden, Esq;
27 at West. Tho. Tasburghe, John Smith, Esq;
28 at West. Tho. Tasburghe, Tho. Scott, Esq;
31 at West. Tho. Pygott, Humfry Fleetwood, Gent.
35 at West. Tho. Weste, Kt. John Lillye, Esq;
39 at West. Tho. Tasburgh, Tho. Smith, Esq;
43 at West. John Lillye, Esq; Ric. Moore, Esq;

## JAMES I.

1 P. at West. Will. Borlase, Kt. Will. Smith, Kt.
12 at West. . . . . .
18 at West. John Dormer, Kt. Hen. Borlase, Esq;
21 at West. * John Packington, Bart. Tho. Crew, *Serjeant at Law.*

* *In his Plate, deceas'd,* Robert Hare, Kt.

## CHARLES I.

1 P. at West. Robt. Carr, Kt. John Hare, Kt.
1 at West. Clement Coke, Esq; Arthur Goodwin, Esq;
3 at West. Edm. Verney, Kt. Clement Coke, Esq;
15 at West. John Packington, Bart. Ralf Verney, Esq;
16 at West. John Packington, Bart. Ralf Verney, Esq; *Tho. Scot, Esq; Simon Moine, Esq;*

## CHARLES II.

12 P. at West. Ric. Ingoldsby, Esq; Tho. Lee, Esq;
13 at West. Ric. Ingoldsby, *Knight of the* Bath, Tho. Lee, Bart.
31 at West. Ric. Ingoldsby, *Knight of the* Bath, Tho. Lee, Bart.

31 *at* West. Tho. Lee, Bart. Ric. Ingoldsby, *Knight of the* Bath.

32 *at* Oxford, Tho. Lee, Bart. Ric. Ingoldsby, *Knight of the* Bath.

## JAMES II.

1 P. *at* West. Will. Egerton, *Knight of the* Bath, Ric. Anderson, Esq;

## WILLIAM & MARY.

1 P. *at* West. Tho. Lee, Bart. Ric. Beke, Esq;

2 *at* West. * Tho. Lee, Bart. Tho. Lee, Esq;

## WILLIAM III.

7 P. *at* West. Tho. Lee, Bart. James Herbert, Esq;

10 *at* West. Tho. Lee, Bart. James Herbert, Esq;

12 *at* West. ‡ Tho Lee, Bart. James Herbert, Esq;

13 *at* West. Tho. Lee, Bart. James Herbert, Esq;

## ANNE.

1 P. *at* West. † John Packington, Bart. ‖ James Herbert, Esq;

4 *at* West. John Wittewronge, Bart. Simon Mayne, Esq;

7 *at* West. John Wittewronge, Bart. Simon Mayne, Esq;

9 *at* West. Simon Harcourt, Esq; John Essington, Esq;

11 *at* West. Simon Harcourt, Esq; John Essington, Esq;

* *In his Place, deceas'd,* Simon Mayne, Esq;

‡ *In his Place, unduly elected,* Robert Dormer, Esq;

† *In his Place, those for the County of* Worcester, Simon Harcourt, Esq;

‖ *In his Place, deceas'd,* Hen Parker, *Bart.*

# BOROUGH OF AGMONDESHAM.

*Doomsday-Book.*

BEfore the Conqueſt this Manour belonging to the Crown, was Part of the Dowry of *Edith*, *Edward the Confeſſor's Queen*; and was, at the *Norman* Invaſion, given by the *Conqueror* to his Favourite *Geffry de Magna Villa*, *who held the Manour of* Elmodeſham *or* Agmondeſham, *which defended it ſelf for ten Hides*; *ſeven and an half of which were in the ſaid* Geffry's *Poſſeſſion.* From this Family it paſs'd in Marriage with *Beatrix*, Daughter of his Grand-daughter, Wife of *William de Say*, to *Geffry Fitz-Piers*, who obtain'd by that Match the Earldom of *Eſſex*; which Title the *Magnavilles*, or *Mannevilles*, were poſſeſs'd of. This *Geffry*, *Anno* 2 of King *John*, obtain'd a Charter for a weekly Market at this Town, and a yearly Fair on the Feaſt of the Nativity, (to which this Pariſh-Church is dedicated) and dying *Anno* 16 of King *John*,

*Dug. Bar. Vol.* 1. *p.* 703.

*John*, his Son *Geffry Fitz-Piers*, who aſſum'd the Name of *Manneville*, ſucceeded him. But his Iſſue-Male failing after the Death of his Sons, *Henry de Bohun* Earl of *Hereford*, in regard that he had marry'd *Maud* his Daughter, Siſter and Heir to her Brothers, ſucceeded to this Title of Earl of *Eſſex*, which he enjoy'd with his own of Earl of *Hereford*, and had Livery given him of this Manour, which his Poſterity, Earls of *Hereford* and *Eſſex*, enjoy'd for 150 Years; when alſo the Iſſue-Male failing in *Humphrey de Bohun*, the 7th Earl of that Name, I find his Widow *Joan*, who long ſurviv'd him, held this Manour in Dowry. After whoſe Death, which happen'd *Anno* 1419, 7 *Hen.* V. this Manour came, I preſume, as the Titles of the *Bohuns* had done, to *Humphrey Stafford*, her Huſband's next Kinſman and Heir; which *Humphrey*, created Duke of *Buckingham* by *Hen.* VI, bearing alſo the Titles of Earl of *Hereford*, *Stafford*, and *Northampton*, preſented his Clerk to this Church, on the Promotion of *William Grey*, Rector hereof, to the See of *Lincoln*, *Anno* 1454; after which, ſtoutly adhering to his Benefactor the ſaid King *Henry*, and fighting valiantly on his Side, he was ſlain at the fatal Battel of *Northampton*; at which Time he was, as the Inquiſition ſets forth, ſeiz'd of this Manour, of which *Anne* his Wife, Daughter of *Richard Nevill*, Earl of *Weſtmerland*, deſcended from the *Beauchamps*, had Dowry given her; whoſe Grand-ſon and Heir, *Henry Stafford*, Duke of *Buckingham*, by Claim of Deſcent from the *Bohuns*, requeſting of *Rich.*

*Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. p.* 183.

*Regiſt. Linc.*

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p.* 679.

*Pat.* 39. *H* 6. *m.* 12.

III ſome Perquiſites belonging to the Earldom of *Hereford*, as a Reward for his Services done him, meeting with Repulſe, and complotting againſt him, was beheaded at *Saliſbury*, leaving Iſſue *Edward* his Son and Heir, who, about thirty Years after, met with the ſame Fate, *Anno* 13 *Hen.* 8, on *Tower-hill*; whereupon, his Eſtate being confiſcate and forfeited to the Crown, the ſaid King, *Anno Regni* 18, granted this his Manour of *Agmondeſham* to Sir *John Ruſſell*, Knight; who, having marry'd *Anne* Daughter of Sir *Guy Sapcotes*, Nephew and Heir to Dame *Agnes Cheyne*, an elder Branch of the preſent Lord *Cheyne*, Viſcount *Newhaven*'s Family, obtain'd with her the Manour of *Cheynes*, and other large Poſſeſſions in this Neighbourhood; which ſaid Sir *John Ruſſell* being created Lord *Ruſſel* by *Hen.* VIII, and after Earl of *Bedford* by *Edw.* VI, departing this Life the ſucceeding Reign, was bury'd at *Cheynes*, (as have ſince all his Family, Earls and Dukes of *Bedford*) leaving Iſſue *Francis* his Son and Heir, whoſe Poſterity, about the Time of the Reſtauration of King *Charles* II, ſold this Manour and Borough to Sir *William Drake*, Knight and Baronet, in which Family it now remains.

*Pat.* 18 *H.* 8.

*Leland Itin. Vol.* 1. *p.* 2. *p.* 101.

The Town of *Agmondeſham* conſiſts of a long Street, lying in the Road, divided about the Middle by a leſſer croſs one; in the Interſection of which ſtands the Church. The Rectory of which, is the beſt in the County, having been well endow'd by its Patron *Geffry de Mandeville*, Earl of *Eſſex*, in the Time of King *Stephen*. About thirty Years ago, the

*Dug. Bar. Vol.* 1. *p.* 203.

he ſaid Sir *William Drake* built a very neat Town-Hall, or Market-Houſe, which is the handſomeſt in the County, the Building being of Brick, ſtanding on arch'd Pillars, and embelliſh'd with Free-ſtone at the Corners, with a Lantern and Clock at Top.

When this was made a Borough, appears not; Dr. *Brady* attributes this Privilege to its inhabitants being Tenants in ancient Demeſne, and tells us, that Parliament-Men for this Place are choſen by Homage in the Lords Court-Baron, which, no doubt, heretofore was ſo. The Houſes of this Town, that are in the other Leets, tho' ſituate in the Middle of the Borough, being excluded that Privilege; and the Lords Tenants of the Borough paying Scot and Lot, who are in Number about a hundred and thirty, are the only Electors, and ſo have been determin'd by Judgment of the Houſe of Commons, the returning Officers being the Conſtables.

*Brady's Hiſt. of Boroughs, p. 82.*

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*Vide Bohun's Debates in Parliament.*

As to the Repreſentatives of this Borough, it never having return'd but five Times anciently, and ſurceaſing, *Anno* 2 *Edw.* II, was, after 400 Years Diſcontinuance, reviv'd *Anno* 1 *Jac.* I; at which Time, *Wendover* and *Marlow*, which had alſo intermitted, were reinſtated and reſtor'd to this Privilege, which they have ever ſince enjoy'd. An Account of the reſtoring of which Liberties, I ſhall here ſet forth from an Abſtract of the Caſe, drawn *Anno* 21 *Jac.* I; and after that, inſert the Names of thoſe Perſons that have ever repreſented this ſaid Borough.

" In

" In the Parliament held 21 *Jac.* it be-
" ing diſcover'd, by a Search made in the
" Tower of *London*, amongſt the ancient
" Parliament-Writs, by Mr. *Hakevill* of *Lin-*
" *colns-Inn*, that in former Times there had
" been Burgeſſes return'd for three Boroughs
" in the County of *Bucks*, which of later
" Times had not ſent any Burgeſſes to the
" Parliament, namely, the Boroughs of *Wen-*
" *dover*, *Agmondeſham*, *alias Amerſham*, and
" *Great Marlow*, Petitions were referr'd to
" the Commons-Houſe of Parliament then
" ſitting, in the Names of thoſe three Bo-
" roughs, that they might be reſtor'd to
" their ancient Liberty or Franchiſe of ſend-
" ing Burgeſſes to the Parliament, and that
" a Writ might be directed to the Sheriff of
" *Bucks* for that Purpoſe. To which Petition
" the Houſe inclining, Notice thereof was
" given to the King's Majeſty, who declar'd
" himſelf unwilling to have the Number of
" the Burgeſſes increas'd, declaring he was
" troubled with too great a Number already,
" and commanded his then Solicitor, Sir *Ro-*
" *bert Heath*, being then of the Houſe of
" Commons, to oppoſe it what he might;
" and moſt of the Commons then of the
" Houſe, underſtanding the King's Inclina-
" tion, did their utmoſt Endeavour to croſs
" it. The main and legal Objection made
" againſt it, was, by the long Diſcontinuance
" and Diſuſe, in not ſending Burgeſſes for
" above 400 Years, the Franchiſe for ſend-
" ing Burgeſſes was loſt. On the other Side,
" on Behalf of the Boroughs, it was confeſs'd,
that

that ſince 28 *Edw.* I. *it was not found by any Record* extant, that theſe Boroughs had ſent any Burgeſſes; but it was alledg'd for them, that moſt of the ancient Records ſince that Time, are loſt; which, if they might be found, 'twas conceiv'd would declare that they had ſent many Times ſince 28 *Edw.* I. Secondly, it doth appear, that Sheriffs in thoſe Times were negligent in ſending their Precepts to Boroughs, to make Choice of their Burgeſſes; for divers Statutes were made to compel the Sheriffs thereunto: So that the not ſending of Burgeſſes, was not to be imputed to any Neglect in the Boroughs, and therefore the Negligence of the Sheriff ought not to turn to their Prejudice. Thirdly, the Uſe in theſe ancient Times, being that the Burgeſſes attending in Parliament were maintain'd at the Charge of the Boroughs; when the Boroughs grew poor, the Boroughs only for that Reaſon neglected to ſend their Burgeſſes to the Parliament; therefore now ſeeing they were contented to undergo that Burthen, or to chuſe ſuch Burgeſſes as ſhould bear their own Charges, there was no Reaſon to deny that Petition. Laſtly, It was urg'd in Behalf of the Burgeſſes, that the Liberty of ſending Burgeſſes to Parliament, is a Liberty of that Nature and Quality, that it cannot be loſt by Neglect of any Borough; for every Burgeſs ſo ſent, is a Member of the great Council of the Kingdom maintain'd at the Charge of the Borough; and if ſuch a

" Neglect

" Neglect may be permitted in one Borough,
" ſo may it be in more, and conſequently in
" all the Boroughs of *England*; and then it
" might follow, that, for want of Burgeſſes,
" there ſhould be no Parliament.

" And as for theſe Boroughs, it did ancient-
" ly appear, that they were Parliament-Bo-
" roughs by Preſcription, and not by Char-
" ter; for every of them had their ſeveral
" Forrens, and they did pay Fifteens, as all
" Parliamentary Boroughs, and not as other
" Boroughs or Towns.

" This was the Subſtance of that which
" was then alledg'd for them by their Coun-
" cil, Mr. *Hakevill* of *Lincolns-Inn*, before the
" Committee for Privileges and Returns; at
" which Time, Mr. *Glanvill*, ſince created
" Serjeant, ſitting in the Chair, did put it
" to the Queſtion; and, upon the Queſtion,
" it was reſolv'd, that a Warrant ſhould be
" made to the Clerk of the Crown to
" make a Writ to the Sheriff of the
" County of *Bucks*, for the chuſing of
" Burgeſſes in thoſe three Boroughs; of which
" Reſolution of the Committees, his Majeſty
" taking notice, did, before the ſame was re-
" ported to the Houſe, ſend unto the two
" Chief Juſtices, requiring them to ſend him
" their Opinions in the Point, who there-
" upon deſir'd Mr. *Glanville* to acquaint
" them with ſuch Reaſons as had been al-
" ledg'd by Mr. *Hakevill*; whereupon the
" Chief Juſtices certify'd his Majeſty, that it
" was juſt a Writ ſhould be awarded accord-
" ingly; and the Opinion of the Committees

" being

" being reported to the House of Commons, " the same was there confirm'd, *nemine contradicente*; whereupon a Warrant, under the " Speaker's Hand, was made to the Clerk of " the Crown in the *Chancery*, for the making " of such a Writ, which was issu'd out accordingly; and thereupon were elected and " return'd to serve in the same Parliament " the Burgesses hereafter nam'd: For *Amersham* Mr. *Will. Hakevill*, Mr. *John Crew*; for " *Wendover*, Mr. *John Hampden*, who beareth " the Charge, Sir *Alexander Unton*; for *Marlow*, Mr. *H. Burlace*, Mr . . . . *Cotton*.

## EDWARD I.

28 P. *at* Linc. Rob. le Warner, Ralf *atte* Grove.
34 *at* West. Rob. le Warrenner, Will. Godgame.
35 *at* Carlisle, Rob. le Warrennet, John Gole.

## EDWARD II.

1 P. *at* Northton. Rich. le Machon, Ralf le Gand.
2 *at* West. Will. Wace, John *atte* Hull.

## JAMES I.

21 P. *at* West. Will. Hakevill, Esq; John Crewe, Esq;

## CHARLES I.

1 P. *at* West. John Crewe, Esq; Fra. Drake, Esq;
1 *at* West. Will. Clark, Esq; Fra. Drake, Esq;
3 *at* West. Will. Hakevill, Esq; Edm. Waller, Esq;
15 *at* West. Will. Drake, Esq; Edm. Waller, Esq;
16 *at* West. Will. Drake, Esq; * Will. Cheyne, Esq;

* *In his Place, deceas'd,* Francis Drake, *Esq;*

R CHARLES

## CHARLES II.

12 P. *at* West. Cha. Cheyne, Esq; Tho. Proby, Esq;
13 *at* West. Will. Drake, Kt. Tho. Proby, Esq;
31 *at* West. Will. Drake, Kt. Roger Hill, Kt.
31 *at* West. Roger Hill, Kt. Algernoon Sidney, Esq;
32 *at* Oxford, Will. Drake, Kt. Will. Cheyne, Esq;

## JAMES II.

1 P. *at* West. Will. Cheyne, Esq; Will. Drake, Kt.

## WILLIAM *and* MARY.

1 P. *at* West. Will. Drake, Kt. Edm. Waller, Esq;
2 *at* West. * Will. Drake, Kt. Edm. Waller, Esq;

## WILLIAM III.

7 P. *at* West. Mountague Drake, Esq; Edm. Waller, Esq;
10 *at* West. † Hon. Will. Lord Cheyne, John Garrard, Bart.
12 *at* West. ‡ Hon. Will. Lord Cheyne, ‖ John Garrard, Bart.
13 *at* West. Hon. Will. Lord Cheyne, John Drake, Esq;

## ANNE.

1 P. *at* West. * Hon. Will. Lord Cheyne, Joh. Drake, Esq;
4 *at* West. † Hon. Will. Lord Cheyne, Samuel Garrard, Bart.
7 *at* West. Fra. Duncombe, Esq; Sam. Garrard, Bart.
9 *at* West. John Drake, Esq; Fra. Duncombe, Esq;
12 *at* West. Mountague Garard Drake, Esq; Hon. ‡ John Viscount Fermanagh.

* *In his Place, deceas'd, Hon.* William Mountague, *Serjeant at Law.*

† *In his Place, chose for the Co. of* Bucks, Joh. Drake *Esq;*

‡ *In his Place chose for the Co. of* Bucks, Joh. Drake *Esq;*

‖ *In his Place, deceas'd,* Sa. Garrard, *Bart.*

* *In his Place chose for the Co. of* Bucks, Sa. Garrard, *Bart.*

† *In his Place, being a Peer of* Great Britain *by the Union,* Joh. Drake *Esq;*

‡ *In his Place, chose for the Co. of* Bucks, Jam. Herbert, *Esq;*

# BOROUGH OF *WENDOVER.*

THIS Manour, at the Time of the Conqueror's Survey, was Part of the Demeſne-Lands of the Crown, and ſo was deem'd in *Edward the Confeſſor*'s Time, when it paid 25 l. *tho' in King* William's *Time*, 38 l. *being tax'd at twenty four Hides.* King *Hen.* II, or, perhaps, King *Stephen* beſtow'd it on *Faramus de Bologne*, Nephew to *Maud* King *Stephen*'s Queen, whoſe Grandſon *Will. de Fiennes*, Son of *Ingelram*, who marry'd the aforeſaid *Faramus*'s Daughter, paid, *Anno* 2 *Henry* III, a Fine of two hundred Marks, for Livery of the Manour of *Wendover*; of which it ſeems King *John* diſpoſſeſs'd him, giving it to *Hugh de Gournay* for ſome Time; but he, taking Part with the rebellious Barons, ſoon loſt it again; for *Anno* 18 of the ſaid Reign, *Will.* *Doomſday-Book.* *Dug. Bar. Vol.* 2. *p.* 243. *Ibid. Vol.* 1. *p.* 430. *Cart.* 18.

*de Fednes*, or *Fiennes*, abovementiond had a Grant of it, in which Year he alſo, as I have ſeen, procur'd a Weekly Market at this Town. To this *William* ſucceeded *Ingelram de Fiennes*, and to him another *William*, who, departing this Life, *Anno* 30 *Edw.* I. ſeiz'd of this Manour, left Iſſue a Son nam'd *John*; yet, notwithſtanding this, one *Robert de Fiennes* (his Kinſman, no doubt) had Livery of it in the ſucceeding Reign, and *An.* 5 *Edw.* II. had a Charter for free Warren at *Wendover*; tho' afterwards it belong'd to *John de Fiennes*, who, in Regard that he had Lands in *France*, wavering in King *Edward* the IIId's Intereſt, when he had Wars in that Country, occaſion'd this Eſtate to be forfeited, which the King beſtow'd, *Anno Regni* 14 & 15, on Sir *John de Molins*, advanc'd to the Dignity of a Banneret, the better to ſupport him in that Honour, who procur'd a Charter, *Anno* 21 of the ſaid King, for a Fair Yearly, on the Eve-Day and Morrow of St. *Barnabas*; when he dyd my Author ſays not, tho' he preſumes it was towards the latter End of *Edw.* the IIId's Reign: But after his Death this Manour reverted to the Crown; and K. *Edward* III gave it to his celebrated Paramour *Alice Peters*, or *Piers*, who falling into Diſgrace after his Death, his Succeſſour, K. *Richard* II, confer'd it on his Unkle *Edmund de Langely*, Duke of *York*; ſince when it hath ever belong'd to the Royal Family, till Queen *Elizabeth*'s Time, the Borough and Manour of *Wendover* having been, as I have ſeen the Jointures, or Dow-

*Dug. Bar. Vol. 1. p. 243.*

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p. 451.*

*Dugd. Bar. Vol. 2. p. 147.*

*Pat. 47. E. 3. m. 8.*

*Pat. 12. R. 2. m. 7.*

*Pat. 1. E. 4.*

ries,

ries, of *Philippa* Dutcheſs of *York*, Wife of the aboveſaid *Edmund*'s Son and Heir, of *Cecily* likewiſe Dutcheſs of *York*, Mother to K. *Edward* IV, and after of *Elizabeth* K. *Henry* the VIIth's Queen, the ſaid K. *Edward* the IVth's Daughter; after whoſe Death it was made Part of the Dowry of *Katherine* Princeſs of *Wales*, *Henry* the VIIIth's firſt Queen; and after given to *Jane*, another of his Queens; and laſtly by *Edward* VI, to his Siſter the Princeſs *Elizabeth*, who afterwards coming to the Crown, did, *inter alia*, convey to Sir *Fra. Knolles*, Kt. Vice-Chamberlain of the Houſhold, and her Kinſwoman the Lady *Catharine* his Wife, their Heirs and Aſſigns for ever the Lordſhip and Manour of *Wendover* Forrens, and *Wendover* Burgh, with the Borough of *Wendover*, late Parcel of the Poſſeſſions of the Lady *Jane*, late Queen of *England*, paying and yielding to the ſaid Queen a Fee-Farm-Rent of 47 *l.* 16 *s.* 3 *d.* Which ſaid Rent of 47 *l.* 16 *s.* 3 *d.* being granted by King *James* I to *Thomas Gibbs* and *Laurence Whitaker*, Eſq; *Anno Reg.* 21, they probably having before purchas'd *Knolles*'s Intereſt, was, about the Time of the Reſtauration of King *Ch.* II, diſpos'd by Sale to the Family of the *Hampdens*, who are the preſent Lords of *Wendover*, tho' their Demeſne-Lands amount to little more than the ſaid Quit-Rent, the Land of that Pariſh being ſever'd from the Manour.

Pat.9 E.4.

Pat.7.H.7.

Pat.1.H.8.

Pat 4.E.6.

Pat.6.Eliz. Pt. 3.

Pat. 21 Jac. 1.

The Buildings of the Town of *Wendover* are but ordinary; it conſiſts of two Streets, lying together in the Shape of a *Roman* L; about a Quarter of a Mile off is the Pariſh-

Church,

Church, dedicate to St. *Mary*, but no very large Building, which lying inconvenient occasion'd a Chapel of Ease to be erected in the Town, which was call'd St. *John*'s Chapel in the Borough; but this has long been disus'd, and most Part of the Chapel is pull'd down. The Rectory of this Parish was in K. *Henry* the IId's Time given to St. *Mary* Overy Church in the County of *Surry*. As to when this was made a Borough, how often it sent at first, and when it was restor'd, having spoken fully in *Amersham*, I shall only add here what the same Author cited in that Borough, *viz.* Dr. *Brady* says, where further speaking of Boroughs, he informs us, that it

*Brady of Boroughs, p.* 82.

'is not to be doubted, but there are many 'small Towns, Manours, and Places, now 'reputed Burghs, which were not such at the 'making of *Doomsday-Book*, or the *Conqueror*'s 'Survey; but the Sheriffs, to whose Discretion 'on it was then left, might send Precepts to 'such of the King's Towns, as they thought 'to be, or were nam'd Burghs, to send Representatives to Parliament, whether they 'were real Burghs or not; or, instead of 'Burghs, might direct their Precepts upon 'the Writt to such of the Kings Towns and 'Demesnes, as by exercising Trade, and using some Franchises and Liberties by Connivance, and under Shelter of the Royal 'Protection, had the Appearance of Burghs.'

Which might be the Case of *Wendover*; tho whatever Denomination it went by antiently, I have, ever since *Edward* the IVth's time met with it under the Style and Title of

*Burgh*

*urgh*, as it is now call'd; and has at this day its Forens, or Out-borough, whose Inhabitants are excluded the Privilege of Voting, as they are in *Amersham*; the Election being made in like manner as there, saving, that they allow here all the Inhabitants, dwelling in the Borough, to vote, who do not receive Alms; which makes the Number of Electors to be near 200, the returning Officers are the Constables.

## EDWARD I.

28 P. *at* Linc. Walter de la Hale, John de la Bury.

## EDWARD II.

1 P. *at* Northton. Walter de Kent, John de Sandwell.
2 *at* West. Rob. *atte* Hull, Elias de Broughton.

## JAMES I.

21 P. *at* West. John Hampden, Esq; Alex. Unton, Kt.

## CHARLES I.

1 P. *at* West. Ric. Hampden, Esq; John Hampden, Esq;
1 *at* West. Samson Darell, Kt. John Hampden, Esq;
3 *at* West. John Hampden, Esq; Ralf Hawtree, Esq;
5 *at* West. Will. Pye, Kt. Rob. Crook, Esq; *Bennet Hoskins, Esq;*
6 *at* West. * John Hampden, Esq; Rob. Crook, Esq;

## CHARLES II.

12 P. *at* West. Ric. Hampden, Esq; John Baldwin, Esq;
13 *at* West. Ric. Hampden, ‡ Rob. Crooke, Esq;
31 *at* West. Ric. Hampden, Esq; Edw. Backwell, Esq;
31 *at* West. Ric. Hampden, Esq; Edw. Backwell, Esq;
32 *at* Oxf. John Hampden, Esq; Edw. Backwell, Esq;

JAMES

* *In his Place, chose for the Co. of* Bucks, Thomas Fountain, Esq;

‡ *In his Place, deceas'd,* Thomas Wharton, Esq;

## JAMES II.

1 P. *at* West. Ric. Hampden, Esq; John Backwell, Esq;

## WILLIAM and MARY.

* *In his Place, unduly elected* Richard Crawley, Esq;

1 P. *at* West. John Hampden, Esq; Ric. Hampden, Esq;
2 *at* West. Ric. Beke, Esq; John Backwell, Esq;

## WILLIAM III.

† *In his Place, deceas'd,* HenGrey, Esq;

7 P. *at* West. John Backwell, Esq; Ric. Beke, Esq;
10 *at* West. John Backwell, Esq; Ric. Beke, Esq;
12 *at* West. John Backwell, Esq; Ric. Hampden, Esq;
13 *at* West. Ric. Hampden, Esq; Ric. Crawley, Esq;

‡ *In his Place, chose for* Berwick *upon* Tweed, James Stanhope, Esq;

## ANNE.

1 P. *at* West. Ric. Hampden, Esq; * Roger Hill, Kt.
4 *at* West. Ric. Hampden, Esq; Roger Hill, Kt.
7 *at* West. † Tho. Ellis, Esq; Roger Hill, Kt.
9 *at* West. Roger Hill, Kt. Henry Grey, Esq;
12 *at* West. ‡ Ric. Hampden, Esq; Roger Hill, Kt.

BOROUGH

# BOROUGH OF GREAT MARLOW.

THIS Town, in the Time of the *Norman Survey*, *was rated at fifteen Hides, and had thirty Villans, or Copyholders, and twenty three Borderers, or Cottagers*; which shews it to be then near as populous as *Wicombe*, and by its being call'd, as I have seen sometimes in Records, *Chipping-Marlow*, it may be concluded here was a Market before the *Conqueror*'s Time, in whose Valuation *it was rated at* 25 l. *and is said, in* Edward *the Confessor*'s *Time, to have belong'd to* Algar *Earl of* Mercia, *tho' by the said* Conqueror's *Gift, it was*, Anno Regni 18, *made Part of the Dowry of his Queen* Matilda, *or* Maud, Mother to King *Henry* I, who, as I presume, bestow'd the same on his base Son *Robert Mellent*, the Stout Earl of *Gloucester*; *Marlow* being reckon'd Part, and among

*Doomsday-Book.*

*Pat.* 18. *E.* 2.

*Doomsday-Book.*

*Testa de Nevill.*

among the Fees of his Honour of *Glouceſter*; as it was afterwards of the Poſſeſſions of his Great Grandſon *Gilbert de Clare*, Son of *Richard*, who, by Marriage of *Amice*, Daughter of his Son *William*, who dy'd *Anno* 1173, 20 *Hen.* II, became Earl of *Glouceſter*. It being therefore thus veſted in the Family of *Clare*, continu'd in their Poſſeſſion 'till, by a like Failure of Iſſue male, it paſs'd again, in Marriage with *Elianor*, ſecond Siſter of *Gilbert de Clare*, laſt Earl of that Name, to *Hugh Deſpenſer* the younger, the unhappy Favourite of that unfortunate Prince *Edward* II; whoſe Son and Heir *Hugh*, being reſtor'd in Blood by *Edward* III, at his Death, which happen'd *Feb.* 8, in the 23d Year of the ſaid Reign, was ſeiz'd of this Manour, as was his Nephew and Heir *Edward*, Son to *Edward* his Brother, who, dying *Anno* 49 *Edward* III, was bury'd in the Abbey-Church of *Tewxbury*, (to which the Rectory of *Marlow* was impropriated) leaving Iſſue a Son nam'd *Thomas*, who, in regard of his Deſcent, was created Earl of *Glouceſter*; which *Thomas*, taking the Part of his depos'd Sovereign, King *Ric.* II, receiv'd Sentence of Death, 1 *Hen.* 4, which he ſuffer'd at *Briſtol* the ſame Year. Yet, notwithſtanding this, *Conſtance* his Widow, obtain'd a Grant from the King, for Life, of this Manour, which ſhe held at her Death, which happen'd *Anno* 4 *Hen.* V. After which I find this Manour came to her poſthumous Daughter *Iſabel*, born ſeven Months after her Huſband's Death; who being firſt marry'd to *Richard Beauchamp*, Lord *Abergavenny*,

*Dug. Bar. Vol.* 1. *p.* 214.

*Ibid. p.* 217.

*Dug. Bar. Vol.* 1. p. 395.

*Ibid. p.* 397.

venny, created Earl of *Worceſter*, and ſecondly to *Richard Beauchamp*, the Stout Earl of *Warwick*, (her firſt Huſband's near Relation) had Livery of all that her Mother held in Dowry; by Virtue of which this Manour came to her ſecond Huſband, and afterwards paſs'd to his Son-in-Law *Richard Nevill*, Heir to his Title, of Earl of *Warwick*, as well as his Proweſs, commonly call'd the *make King*, who marry'd *Ann* Daughter to the ſaid *Richard Beauchamp*. Which Lady *Ann*, after her Huſband the E. of *Warwick*'s Death, undergoing Diverſities of Fortune, was prevail'd upon (her two Daughters, *Iſabel*, Wife to *George* Duke of *Clarence*, and *Ann*, to *Richard* Duke of *Glouceſter*, afterwards King of *England*, being dead) to convey all her great Poſſeſſions to King *Henry* 7, and entail it on the Iſſue Male of his Body, the King having a Mind thereto: Among the Names of the particular Lordſhips ſpecify'd in that Grant, is this of *Marlow*, which coming, as here ſpoken of, to the Crown, was, after the ſaid Counteſs's Death, (for, I find, ſhe had it aſſign'd her for Life) leas'd out for ſome Time; but afterwards made Part of the Lady *Mary*'s Maintenance, Daughter to King *Hen.* 8; who, upon her Acceſſion to the Crown, granted the Manour and Burgh of *Marlow* to *William* Lord *Pagett*, whoſe Grandſon *William* I find, by Inquiſition taken at his Death, which happen'd 6 *Aug.* 1629, ſeiz'd hereof; at which Time his Son and Heir *William*, Lord *Pagett*, was nineteen Years of Age; which *William*, or his Son, the late Lord *Pagett*, who dy'd in *Feb.* 17$\frac{12}{13}$.

*Dug. War. p.* 306.

*Dug. Bar. Vol.* 1. *p.* 307.

Pat. 5. H. 7. p. 1.

Pat. 2. E. 6. Pat. 1 & 2. Ph. & Mar.

*Inquis. in Cur. Ward.*

$17\frac{12}{13}$, ſold it to Sir *Humfry Winch*, Bart. *temp. Car.* 2. But he not long after parted with the ſame to the Rt. Hon. *Anthony* Viſcount *Falkland*; who convey'd it to Sir *James Etheridge*, Kt. the preſent Lord of the aforeſaid Borough and Manour.

The Town of *Great Marlow* conſiſts of two Streets, which lye together in Shape of a *Roman* T, at the meeting of which ſtands the Town-Hall; and at the lower End, oppoſite to it, the Church, dedicated to *All Saints*; which is a large Building, tho' low; at the Bottom of the Church-Yard runs the River *Thames*, over which is a wooden Bridge leading into *Berkſhire*.

Concerning this being made a Borough, having already ſpoken in *Agmondeſham*, I have nothing more to add here, but the Names of the Burgeſſes, and that it ſent to one Parliament more than *Agmondeſham*, and three more than *Wendover*, as may be ſeen by the Returns. As for *Prynn*'s putting it down, to have ſent *Anno* 33 *E.* 3, which is near fifty Years later than ever *Agmondeſham* or *Wendover* return'd, is a Miſtake; that Author having, throughout his *Brevia Parliamentaria*, put down 33 *Edw.* 3. for 33 *Edw.* 1. as has been already ſhewn, there having been no Summons to Parliament in the ſaid 33 *Edw.* 3.

The Returns of Members of Parliament for this Borough, are made by the Conſtables, and the Electors are the Inhabitants, in Number about 150, who pay Scot and Lot. The Names of the Repreſentatives are as follow.

EDWARD

## EDWARD I.

28 P. *at* Linc. Ric. le Mouner, Ric. le Veel.
33 *at* Weſt. Ric. le Mouner, Ric. le Veel.
34 *at* Weſt. Ric. le Moner, Ric. le Veel.
35 *at* Carliſle, Ric. le Ferour, Ric. Heryng.

## EDWARD II.

1 P. *at* North. John Cullehog, Adam Princhard.
2 *at* Weſt. Walter Prichard, Adam Princhard.

## JAMES I.

21 P. *at* Weſt. Henry Borlaſe, Eſq; Tho Cotton, Eſq;

## CHARLES I.

1 P. *at* Weſt. Tho. Cotton, Eſq; John Bakehouſe, Eſq;
1 *at* Weſt. Will. Hicks, Kt. & Bart. John Bakehouſe, Eſq;
3 *at* Weſt. John Bakehouſe, Kt. Miles Hobart, Kt.
15 *at* Weſt. John Borlaſe, Eſq; Will. Hicks, Kt. & Bart.
16 *at* Weſt. Gabriel Hippeſley, Eſq; John Borlaſe, Eſq; *Bulſtrode Whitlock, Eſq; Peregrine Hobby, Eſq;*

## CHARLES II.

12 P. *at* Weſt. Peregrine Hobby, Eſq; Will. Borlaſe, Eſq;
13 *at* Weſt. Pereg. Hobby, Eſq; ‡ Will. Borlaſe, Eſq;
31 *at* Weſt. Humfry Winch, Bart. John Borlaſe, Eſq;
31 *at* Weſt. Humfry Winch, Bart. John Borlaſe, Eſq;
32 *at* Oxf. John Borlaſe, Eſq; Tho. Hobby, Eſq;

‡ *In his Place, deceas'd,* Charles Cheyney, Eſq;

## JAMES II.

1 P. *at* Weſt. John Borlaſe, Bart. Humfry Winch, Bart.

## WILLIAM & MARY.

1 P. *at* Weſt. Hon. Anthony Viſcount Falkland, John Borlaſe, Bart.

2 P. *et* West. James Chaſe, Eſq; Will. Whitlock, Kt.
James Chaſe, Eſq; Ralph Bucknall, Eſq;
*Double Return, the laſt taken off.*

## WILLIAM III.

7 *at* Weſt. James Etheridge, Kt. James Chaſe, Eſq;
10 *at* Weſt. James Etheridge, Kt. James Chaſe, Eſq;
12 *at* Weſt. James Etheridge, Kt. James Chaſe, Eſq;
13 *at* Weſt. James Etheridge, Kt. James Chaſe, Eſq;

## ANNE.

1 P. *at* Weſt. James Etheridge, Kt. James Chaſe, Eſq;
4 *at* Weſt. James Etheridge, Kt. James Chaſe, Eſq;
7 *at* Weſt. James Etheridge, Kt. James Chaſe, Eſq;
9 *at* Weſt. James Etheridge, Kt. James Chaſe, Eſq;
James Etheridge, Kt. George Brewer, Eſq;
*Double Return, the firſt taken off.*
12 *at* Weſt. James Etheridge, Kt. George Brewer, Eſq;

# COUNTY OF CAMBRIDGE.

THE ancient Inhabitants of this County, known to the *Romans*, were the *Iceni*, whose chief Town, or City, was call'd *Camboricum*, which Station stood near the Banks of the River *Cam*, near *Cambridge*, perhaps where *Chesterton*, or rather *Grantchester*, stands, as appears by the Coins (a sure Indication of *Roman* Colonies) found at both those Places; from the Ruins of which, no Doubt, *Cambridge* arose, especially from the latter, viz. *Grantchester*, the chief Town of this Province in the Time of the *Saxon* Heptarchy; which, however subject to the Kingdom of the *East-Angles* in Temporal Jurisdiction, belong'd in Spiritual to the See of *Dorchester* near *Oxford*, in the Kingdom of *Mercia*; and upon Removal of that See to *Lincoln*, in the Time

*Camden's Britan. p.* 278.

*Gale's Antonini Itin. Illustrat. p.* 92.

*Mat. West. p.* 288.

Time of *William the Conqueror*, was Part of that great Dioceſe, and ſo continu'd 'till King *Hen.* 1, *An.* 1109, erecting the Biſhoprick of *Ely*, allotted this County to it; which contains in it 163 Pariſhes, whereof about eight are Market-Towns.

Before the *Reformation* here were ſtanding 14 Religious Houſes, the chief of which, beſides the noble Cathedral of *Ely*, was *Thorney*, whoſe Abbot had Place in the Upper Houſe of Parliament, as the Biſhop of *Ely* has; whoſe City now remains the only one in *England* unrepreſented in the Lower one; being protected, no doubt, anciently by the Biſhops, enjoying the Rights of a County-Palatine in the Iſle of *Ely*; which Privilege, tho' much impair'd by King *Henry* 8, yet the Biſhop ſtill holds ample Immunities in this Iſle, and beareth chief Sway therein, by appointing his Bailiff and other Officers, under whoſe Direction this City is at this Time ſubordinate. However, on the firſt Demand of Burgeſſes, *An.* 23 *Edw.* 1, here were ſent up to the Parliament at *Weſtminſter*,

*Brev. Parliamentar. in Officio Rememorat Reg.*

John le Palfreur, *and* Nicolas Baret,

as Repreſentatives for it. And again, *An.* 27 *Edw.* 3, another Precept was directed to the Mayor and Bailiffs of *Ely*, to ſend Repreſentatives to a great Council; but they made no Return, or ever receiv'd any more than theſe two Precepts, the firſt of which they only executed; neither was there any other Town in this County, except *Cambridge*, ever ſent

*Rot. Clauſ. A.* 27. *Ed.* 3. *in Turr. Lond.*

ſent to; nor does any Place elſe, but that, (as I can learn) occur by the Title of a Borough.

As to a Deſcription of this City of *Ely*, there being a Draught of it in *Speed*'s Maps, and ſeveral Views of the Cathedral printed, I need only there refer, and to *Godwin*'s Hiſtory of Biſhops, for an Account of the building of this Church by its Biſhops, whoſe Benefactions are there particularis'd, and Monuments diſcuſs'd, ſeveral of which are very fine; as are ſome Tombs of other Perſons, as, *J. Tiptoft* E. of *Worceſter*, Lord Treaſurer of *England*, with his two Wives. But, not to inſiſt on theſe, this Church, in general, may be ſaid to yield to few in *England*, being about 490 Feet in Length, adorn'd with a high Lantern, or Cupilo, in the Middle, and ſtately Tower at the Weſt End, of about 200 Feet in Height, and an handſom croſs Iſle; the North Part of which falling down, *March* 28, 1699, was neatly rebuilt again. Before the *Reformation*, a Prior and Monks preſided here, which being turn'd out by *Hen.* 8, a Dean and eight Prebends were plac'd in their Stead, as may be ſeen in *Wharton*'s *Anglia Sacra*, *Vol.* 1. who, in near an hundred Pages, gives us a large Hiſtory of this Church, with a Catalogue of the Abbots before it was made an Epiſcopal See; and after that Change of the Priors, to *Henry* the 8th's Alteration. But beſides this Cathedral, which is dedicated to St. *Ethelreda*, commonly call'd *St. Audry*, here are in the Town of *Ely* both a Church and Chapel of *St. Mary's*, appropriated to the Uſe of the

Townſmen; which latter, a beautiful Structure, ſtanding on the North Side of the Cathedral, was about eighty Years ago, by the Dean and Chapter, ſeparated to Parochial Duties, in lieu of the Pariſh-Church of St. *John*, then ruinous and pull'd down, and call'd *Trinity* Church.

*Vide Prynn's Brev. Par. Vol.* 4.

By what is before obſerv'd, the Biſhops of *Ely* having thus ſhelter'd this City from the Expences of Repreſentatives in Parliament, I come now to ſhew, that they were no leſs ſedulous to procure a Releaſe for their Tenants of the Iſle of *Ely*, who very unwillingly paid 'a third Part of the Wages of the Knights of '*Cambridgeſhire*, and oftentimes diſputed it, 'ſuffering a Diſtreſs for the ſame, *Anno* 37 *Edw.* 3. yet never could they get acquitted before *Henry* the 5th's Time, when, by Mediation and Treaty, together with the reſt of the County of *Cambridge*, they came to a mutual Agreement; in Purſuance whereof the Inhabitants of the ſaid Iſle rais'd and paid the Sum of 200 *l.* to thoſe of the County, for them, their Heirs, and Succeſſors, to be for ever diſcharg'd from the Wages of the Knights of *Cambridgeſhire* for the Time to come; with which Sum they petition'd the King and Parliament, for Licenſe to purchaſe Lands, of the clear yearly Value of 20 Marks, above Reprizals, which ſhould go towards the defraying the third Part of the Expences (that being their Quota) in all ſucceeding Parliaments; and that the Sheriff ſhould levy the ſame out of the ſaid Lands, Rents, &c. To which Petition they obtain'd the Royal Aſ-

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ſent, which is regiſter'd in the Parliament-Roll, printed at Length in *Prynn's Brevia Parliamentaria*, *Vol.* 4. *p.* 514, 515, 516, *&c.*

That this aboveſaid Money was diſpos'd to the intended Purpoſes, is without Doubt; and that the Manour of *Burlewas*, entitled the *Shire-Manour*, was purchas'd with the ſame, ſeems very probable; and that it continu'd in Poſſeſſion of certain Perſons, enfeoff'd to the Uſes aforeſaid, till the Act made *Anno* 34 *&* 35 *Hen.* 8. which being printed at Length in our Statute-Books, I ſhall only from thence abridge the moſt material Heads.

By which Act 'tis enacted, 'That *John Hind*, 'one of the King's Serjeants at Law, and his 'Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, ſhall from hence-'forth have, hold, and enjoy the ſaid Ma-'nour of *Burlewas*, lying and being in the 'Pariſh of *Maeldingly*, with the other Appur-'tenances thereto belonging, *viz.* 200 Acres 'of Land, 100 Acres of Meadow, and 100 'Acres of Paſture, being in the whole of the 'yearly Value of 10 *l.* and ſo letten to farm 'under the Conditions following; that is to 'ſay, That the ſaid *John Hind*, &c. ſhall 'for ever yield and pay for the ſame Premi-'ſes 10 *l.* Sterling yearly to ſuch Perſons, and 'their Succeſſors, as ſhall be by this Act in-'corporated and enabled to receive the ſame. 'And alſo it is farther enacted, That *Ed-'ward North*, Kt. (Sheriff of *Cambridgeſhire*) 'and *Thomas Rudſtone*, Eſq; Knights of the 'ſaid County in this preſent Parliament, 'ſhall be one Body Corporate; and that 'they, and their Succeſſors, Knights of the 'County

*Keeble's Statutes. P.* 577, 578.

'County of *Cambridge* for the Time being, 'and the Sheriff of the ſaid County for the 'Time being, ſhall by this Act be incorpora- 'ted by the Names of *The Wardens of the Fees* 'and *Wages of the Knights of the Shire of* Cam- 'bridge *choſen for the Parliament*; and ſhall 'have perpetual Succeſſion for ever in the 'ſame; and ſhall implead, and be implead- 'ed by the ſame Name. Which ſaid Knights 'of the Shire, until other Knights of the ſaid 'Shire ſhall be choſen for the Parliament en- 'ſuing, ſhall have and receive the ſaid 'yearly Rent of 10 *l.* and convert the ſame 'to their own proper Uſes, by equal Portions, 'towards the Maintenance of their Charges: 'And when any of the ſaid Knights ſhall die, 'then the Survivor ſhall receive the ſaid 'Rent, 'till another Knight be elected, to his 'own Uſe; and if both the ſaid Knights ſhall 'happen to die, then the Sheriff of the ſaid 'County, for the Time being, ſhall receive 'the ſaid annual Rent of 10 *l.* to his own 'Uſe, until other Knights ſhall be choſen, &c.

The Number of Days-Expences allow'd theſe Knights formerly, in repairing to and returning from Parliaments and great Councils, or the Places where they were uſually held, are as follows.

At *Coventry* two Days. *Glouceſter* four Days. *Leiceſter* one Day and an half. *Lincoln* three Days. *London* and *Weſtminſter* one Day and an half. *Nottingham* two Days and an half. *Saliſbury* four Days. *Wincheſter* three Days. *York* four, five, and ſix Days, as the Seaſon of the Year happen'd.

EDWARD

## EDWARD I.

18 P. at West. Alan le Fraunceys, Hen. de Lacy, Ralf Fitz-Fulk.
*Two or three being requir'd by this Writ.*
23 at West. Simon de Bradenham, Rob. de Monasteriis.
25 at Lond. Rob. de Hoo, Philip Fitz-Herbert.
26 at York, Alan le Fraunceys, Rob. Hoo.
28 at Linc. Alan le Fraunceys, Tho. de Escallers.
29 at Linc. Alan le Fraunceys, Tho. de Escallers.
30 at West. Geffry de Burlewas, Baldwin de Stow.
33 at West. John le Moigne, Baldwin de Stow.
34 at West. Rob. de Hoo, Baldwin de Stow.
35 at Carlisle, Rob. de Finneux, Tho. Pecche.

## EDWARD II.

1 P. at Northton, Baldwin de Stow, Rob. de Hastings.
2 at West. Tho. Scalars, Geffry Burlewas.
4 at Lond. Tho. de Burge, John de Lyndhurst.
5 at West. Will. de la Hay, John de Breey.
5 at Lond, Tho. de Burgh, John de Lyndhurst.
6 at West. Baldwin de Stow, Baldwin de Colne.
6 at West. Matthew de Bassingburn, Warin de Bassingburn.
7 at West. Baldwin de Stow, Baldwin de Colne.
8 at York, Tho. de Burgh, Matthew de Bassingburn.
8 at West. Will. Bokesworth, Rob. de Lacy.
9 at Linc. Baldwin de Stow, John de Swyneford.
10 *Council at* Linc. John de Swyneford, Baldwin de Stow.
12 P. at York, Matthew Bassingbourn, Roger Watevill.
12 at York, Tho. de Burgh, Philip de Well.
15 at York, John de Lymbury, John de Canteber.
16 at York, Matthew de Bassingbourn, John de Lymbury.
17 at West. John de Creeke, John de Cambridge.
18 at Lond. Tho. Clement, John de Bunde.
19 at West. John de Canreber, Simon de Brune.
20 at West, Matthew de Bassingburn, Luke de Overe.

## EDWARD III.

1 P. *at* Weſt. Matthew de Baſſingburn, Luke de Overe.
2 *Council at* Linc. Matthew de Baſſingburn, John de Canteber.
2 *at* York, Matthew de Baſſingburn, John de Orek.
2 *at* New Sarum, Will. Avenell, Rob. de Kyneſhale.
2 *Treaty at* York. Will. Howard, Will. Avenel.
2 P. *at* Northton, Matthew de Baſſingburn, Henry le Chamberleyn.
2 *at* York, Matthew de Baſſingburn, John de Crek.
3 *at* New Sarum, Will. Avenel, Rob. de Kyneſhale.
4 *at* Weſt. Matthew de Baſſingbourn, Tho. de Heſelerton.
4 *at* Winch. Almaricus la Zouche, Henry de Garſton.
5 *at* Weſt. Philip de Stowe, Warin de Baſſingbourn.
6 *at* Weſt. Philip de Stowe, Warin de Baſſingburn.
6 *at* Weſt. Warin de Baſſingburn, John le Rous.
7 *at* York, Will. Fitz-John Muſchet, John de Bregham.
8 *at* York, Will. Fitz-John Muſchet, John de Bregham.
9 *at* York, Warin de Baſſingbourn, Will. Fitz-John Muſchet.
10 *Council at* Nott. John de la Heye, Tho. de Lacy.
10 P. *at* Weſt. John de Lomburg, Will. Muſchet.
11 *at* Weſt. John de Bregham, Will. Fitz-John Muſchet.
11 *Council at* Weſt. Will. Muſchet, Will. Ward.
12 *Council at* Northton, John Dengayne, Will. Muſchet.
12 P. *at* Weſt. Tho. de Burgh, Philip de Well.
13 *at* Weſt. Will. de Riſton, John de la Haye.
13 *at* Weſt. Will. de Riſton, John Dengayne.
14 *at* Weſt. Hen. de Colleville, John Dengaigne.
14 *at* Weſt. Hen. de Collevill, Will. de Riſhton.
14 *at* Weſt. Rob. de Buſelere, John de Lacy.
14 *at* Weſt. John de Creks, Will. Loveday.
14 *at* Weſt. John de Creks, John de Canteber.
15 *at* Weſt. John de Roteſeye, Will. de Lavenham.
17 *at* Weſt. John Dengayne, John Pappeworth.
18 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Scalars, Will. Muſchet.
20 *at* Weſt. John Dengayne, John de Granteſden.
21 *at* Weſt. John Dengayne, Will. Warde.
22 *at* Weſt. Will. Warde, Simon de Brunn.

22 P. *at* Weſt. John Dengayne, Will. Warde.
24 *at* Weſt. John Dengayne, Will. Muſchet.
26 *at* Weſt. John de Brigham, Will. Warde.
26 *Council at* Weſt. Hen. de Colevill.
27 *Council at* Weſt. Guy de St. Cler.
28 P. *at* Weſt. Guy de St. Cler, *Chr* Hen. de Colevill, *Chr.*
29 *at* Weſt. Tho. D'eſchalers, John Cheyny.
31 *at* Weſt. John Dengayne de Teverſham, John Cheyne de Stanton.
31 *at* Weſt. Tho, de Shardelue, John Dengayne.
32 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Shardelowe, John Dengayne de Teverſham.
34 *at* Weſt. John Dengayne, John de Granteceſter.
35 *at* Weſt. John Dengayne, John de Granteceſter.
36 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Shardelowe, John Dengayne.
37 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Shardelowe, Hugh de Clyderowe.
38 *at* Weſt. John Shardelowe, Hugh Clyderhowe.
39 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Shardelowe, Hugh de Clyderhowe.
39 *at* Weſt. Tho. Shardelowe, John Cheyney.
40 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Shardelowe, John Cheyney.
42 *at* Weſt. Tho. de Shardelowe, Hugh Clyderhowe.
43 *at* Weſt. John Cheyne, Rich. Muſchet.
43 *at* Weſt. John Cheyny, Will. Muſchet.
45 *at* Weſt. John Andrew, John Cheyny.
45 *Council at* Winch. John Cheyny.
46 P. *at* Weſt. John Cheyne, Will. de Pappeworth.
47 *at* Weſt. Hen. Englyſh, John Cheyne.
50 *at* Weſt. John Avenel, Roger Herleſton.
51 *at* Weſt. John Colvill, Baldwin St. George.

## RICHARD II.

1 P. *at* Weſt. Hen. Englys, Roger Herlaſton.
2 *at* Glouc. Roger Harleſton, John Sibille.
2 *at* Weſt. John Brunne, John Sibille.
3 *at* Weſt. Roger Harleſton, John Sibill.
3 *at* Weſt, John Harle, John Colvile.
4 *at* Northton, John Sibill.
5 *at* Weſt. Will. de Pappeworth, Simon de Burgh.
5 *at* Weſt. Will. de Pappeworth, Simon de Burgh.
6 *at* Weſt. George Muſchet, *Chr.* John Andrew.
7 *at* Weſt. Henry Engliſh. Roger Harleſton.
7 *at* New Sarum, John Colvill, *Chr.* Will. Gambon.

8 P. at Weſt. Tho. Haſildon, Hen. Englys.
9 at Weſt. John Colvill, *Chr.* Will. Gambon.
10 at Weſt. Will. Pappeworth, *Chr.* Tho. Haſelden.
11 at Weſt. John Dengaine, *Chr.*
12 at Cambridge, John Dengayne, *Chr.* Rob. Pary.
13 at Weſt. Henry Englis, Simon de Burgh.
14 at Weſt. John Colvill, *Sen.* Simon de Burgh.
15 at Weſt. Rob. Denny, *Chr.* Simon de Burgh.
16 at Winch. John Colevill, *Chr.* Rob. Denny, *Chr.*
17 at Weſt. Baldwin de St. George, *Chr.* Ric. Haſelden.
18 at Weſt. Edmund de la Pole, *Chr.* Tho. Haſilden.
20 at Weſt. Tho. de Shelton, *Chr.* Tho. Haſilden.
21 at Weſt. Tho. Haſilden, John Tyndale.

## HENRY IV.

1 P. at Weſt. Pagan Tiptoft, *Chr.* Rich. Haſelden.
2 at Weſt. Baldwin de St. George, *Chr.* Tho. Haſelden.
3 at Weſt. Tho. Priore, John Hokilded.
5 at Weſt. Roger Tiptoft, *Chr.* John Brun.
6 at Coventry, Baldwin St. George, *Chr.* Will. Standon.
8 at Glouc, Simon Benteby, Tho. Beverley.
8 at Weſt. Baldwin St. George, *Chr.* Will. Aſenhull.
9 at Glouc. John Howard, *Chr.* John Rocheford.
12 at Weſt. Walter *atte* Poole, *Chr.* John Hobildod.

## HENRY V.

1 P. at Weſt. Will. Potter, John Burgoigne.
1 at Leic. Baldwin St. George, Nic. Morys.
14 at Weſt. Walter de la Poole, Tho. Lapham.
3 at Weſt. John Hobildod, Tho. Wikes.
5 at Weſt. Walter *atte* Poole, Tho. Chalers.
8 at Weſt. Nic. Caldecote, Tho. Caumpes.
8 at Weſt. John Howard, John Rocheford.
9 at Weſt. John Burgoyne, Will. Fulburne.

## HENRY VI.

1 P. at Weſt. Walter de la Pole, *Chr.* Will. Athenhull, *Chr.*
2 at Weſt. Walter de la Poole, *Chr.* Will. de Athenhull, *Chr.*

3 P. *at* Weſt. Will. Aſſenhull, John Hore.
4 *at* Leic. Will. Aſenhull, Kt. Nic. Caldecote.
5 *at* Weſt. Walter de la Poole, John Skelton.
8 *at* Weſt. Will. Aſenhull, Kt. Will. Alington.
9 *at* Weſt. Laurence Cheyney, Nic. Caldecote.
11 *at* Weſt. Will. Alington, Jun. John Burgoyne.
13 *at* Weſt. Laurence Cheyney, Ric. Forſter.
15 *at* Cambridge, Will. Alington, Jun. Gilbert Hore.
20 *at* Weſt. Laurence Cheyney, Tho. Burgoyne.
25 *at* Cambridge, Will. Totten, John Moreys.
27 *at* Weſt. Edm. Ingaleſthorp, Kt. John Say, Eſq;
28 *at* Weſt. Tho. Tynderne, John Cheyne.
29 *at* Weſt. Tho. Tynderne, Kt. John Auſtry, Jun.
31 *at* Reading, Edm. Ingaleſthorp, Kt. Will. Cotton, Eſq;

## EDWARD IV.

6 P. *at* Weſt. Will. Frevill, Eſq; John Auſty, Eſq;
12 *at* York, Tho. Grey, Kt. Will. Alington, Eſq;
17 *at* Weſt. Tho. Sewale, Tho. Watteſſon.

The Writts, Indentures, and Returns from 17 *Edw.* 4. to 1 *Edw.* 6. are all loſt, except one imperfect Bundle, *Anno* 33 *Henrici* 8.

## HENRY VIII.

33 P. *at* Weſt. Edw. North, Kt. Tho. Rudſtone, Eſq;

## EDWARD VI.

1 P. *at* Weſt. Edw. North, Kt, James Dyer, Eſq;
6 *at* Weſt. Edw. North, Kt. James Dyer, *Serjeant at Law.*

## MARY.

1 P. *at* Weſt. John Hudleſton, Kt. John Coton, Kt.
1 *at* Oxford, John Hudleſton, Giles Alyngton.

## PHILIP & MARY.

1 & 2 P. at Weſt. John Hudleſton, Kt. John Coton, Kt.
2 & 3 at Weſt. Roger Northe, Eſq; Tho. Wendye, Eſq;
4 & 5 at Weſt. Giles Alyngton, Kt. Rob. Peyton, Eſq;

## ELIZABETH.

1 P. at Weſt. Roger North, Kt. Francis Hind, Eſq;
5 at Weſt. Roger North, Kt. John Hutton, Eſq;
13 at Weſt. John Hutton, Eſq; Hen. Long, Eſq;
14 at Weſt. Fra. Hind, Eſq; John Hutton, Eſq;
27 at Weſt. John Northe, Eſq; John Cutts, Kt.
28 at Weſt. John North, Eſq; John Cutts, Kt.
31 at Weſt. John North, Eſq; Fra. Hynd, Kt.
35 at Weſt. John Cotton, Eſq; John Payton, Eſq;
39 at Weſt. Hen. North, Kt. Will. Hinde, Eſq;
43 at Weſt. John Cutts, Kt. John Cotton, Kt.

## JAMES I.

1 P. at Weſt. John Peyton, Kt. John Cutts, Kt.
12 at Weſt. . . . . .
18 at Weſt. Edw. Peyton, Kt. & Bart. John Cutts, Kt.
21 at Weſt. Edw. Peyton, Kt. & Bart. John Cutts, Kt.

## CHARLES I.

1 P. at Weſt. Edw. Peyton, Bart. John Cutts, Kt.
1 at Weſt. Edw. Peyton, Bart. John Cutts, Kt.
3 at Weſt. Miles Sandes, Kt. and Bart. John Carleton, Bart.
15 at Weſt. Dudley North, *Kt. of the* Bath, John Cutts, Kt.
10 at Weſt. Dudley North, Kt. & Bar. Tho. Chichley, Eſq;
*Fra. Ruſſell, Eſq;*

## CHARLES II.

* *In his Place* Tho. Hatton, *Bart.*

12 P. at Weſt. Tho. Wendy, Eſq; Iſaac Thornton, Eſq;
13 at Weſt. Tho. Chichely, Eſq; * Tho. Wendy, Eſq;

31 P. *at* West. Gerard Ruſſell, Eſq; Tho. Patherick, Eſq;
31 *at* West. John Cotton, Kt. Lewin Bennett, Kt.
32 *at* Oxford, Lewin Bennett, Bart. John Cotton, Kt.

## JAMES II.

1 P. *at* West. Lewin Bennett, Bart. Rob. Cotton, Kt.

## WILLIAM & MARY.

1 P. *at* West. Lewin Bennett, Bart. Rob. Cotton, Kt.
2 *at* West. * Lewin Bennett, Bart. Rob. Cotton, Kt.

## WILLIAM III.

7 P. *at* West, *Rt. Hon.* John Lord Cutts, † *Hon.* Edw. Ruſſell, Eſq;
10 *at* West. *Rt. Hon.* John *Lord* Cutts, Ruſhout Cullen, Bart.
12 *at* West. *Rt. Hon.* John *Lord* Cutts, Ruſhout Cullen, Bart.
13 *at* West. *Rt. Hon.* John *Lord* Cutts, *Baron of* Goram, Ruſhout Cullen, Bart.

## ANNE.

1 P. *at* West. Granado Pigott, Eſq; Ruſhout Cullen, Bart.
4 *at* West. Ruſhout Cullen, Bart. ‡ John Bromley, Sen. Eſq;
7 *at* West. Ruſhout Cullen, Bart. John Bromley, Eſq;
9 *at* West. John Bromley, Eſq; John Jennings, Eſq;
12 *at* West. John Bromley, Eſq; John Jennings, Eſq;

* *In his Place, deceas'd,* John *Lord* Cutts, *Baron of* Goram.

† *In his Place made Earl of* Orford, Ruſhout Cullen, *Bart.*

‡ *In his Place, deceas'd,* John Bromley, *Eſq;*

# UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

*Wood's Antiq. Univ. Oxon.*

IF the Antiquity of this celebrate Univerſity is deduc'd beyond the *Conqueſt*, (as the *Oxford* Antiquary would inſinuate from Dr. *Caius)* we muſt fix it at *Grantcheſter*, rather than here: For, to omit the Story of *Cantaber*, exploded by ſeveral of the beſt Writers of this learned Body, and to come to the *Saxon* Age; if *Sigebert*, K. of the *Eaſt-Angles*, was either the Reſtorer or Founder, we may conclude his Benefactions were more probably beſtow'd there; tho' I can ſee little Ground to ſuppoſe it at either of theſe Places: For, as what that Prince did, is ſaid to have been by the Advice of *Fœlix* Biſhop of the *Eaſt-Angles*, who brought Monks out of *Kent*, to plant and eſtabliſh Schools of Learning, we muſt ſuppoſe that Biſhop,

Biſhop, who had the Superintendency over them, ſettled them either in *Norfolk* or *Suffolk*, within the Juriſdiction of his own Diocese, and not in *Cambridgeſhire*, which, as already ſhewn *p.* 135, was never any Part of it.

And of the Weakneſs of theſe Arguments for *Sigebert*, Dr. *Fuller was* ſo conſcious, that, in his Hiſtory of the Univerſity of *Cambridge*, wrote chiefly againſt *Twyne*, (who, in his Apology for the Univerſity of *Oxford*, in three Books, very amply refuted all Dr *Caius's* Arguments for the Seniority of *Cambridge*) he modeſtly begins at the *Conqueſt*, having diſcuſs'd the Foundation of it by the aforeſaid King *Sigebert*, in the Body of his *Church-Hiſtory*, to which this of his Univerſity of *Cambridge* is annex'd; which he would prove from *Camden*, to be the ſame Place as *Grantcheſter*. *Biſh. of Carliſle's Hiſt. p.* 212, 222.

And another very learned Writer, in his excellent *Eccleſiaſtical Hiſtory* tells us, that 'Joffrid, Abbot of *Croyland*, *temp. Hen.* 1. 'gave Occaſion to the Beginning (as he is 'afraid he muſt call it, 'till we had better 'Evidence) of the famous Univerſity of *Cam*'bridge.' Which entirely cuts off the Pretenſions of that King's ſtudying there; who, if he receiv'd any Improvement from an Univerſity, it might rather be from *Oxford*, within five Miles of the Monaſtery of *Abingdon*, where his Father, King *William* 1, *Anno* 1084, left him to be educated, appointing *Robert de Oilly* to accommodate him with all Proviſions for himſelf and his Retinue. *Collier's Eccl. Hiſt. Vol* 1. *p.* 297. *Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p.* 69.

But

But, to omit all theſe Controverſies, which the Reader may have a Surfeit of, if he looks into what is written purely on this Subject, in theſe Authors, *viz. Caius*, *Twyne*, *Fuller*, and *Wood*, who, in his *Hiſt. Antiq. Univerſ. Oxon.* has fully conſider'd all that has been wrote upon theſe Diſputes, which have been alſo touch'd upon by Mr *Hearne*, in his *Life of King* Alfred, *p.* 177, 178, 179, 180, *&c.* Let the Original of this noble Univerſity be when it will, it may now juſtly be reputed the greateſt in *Europe*, next to *Oxford*, having no other Rival; and no Reaſon why there ſhould be any Emulation between theſe two Siſters, unleſs which ſhould out-do the other in Literature and Orthodoxy.

And as to its Colleges and Halls, tho' they are not ſo many as in *Oxford*, yet the Fellowſhips are as well, if not better, endow'd; and if the Buildings of them are not ſo magnificent, for the moſt Part, as thoſe in *Oxford*, it may be owing to their not being ſo well provided with good Stone, which has occaſion'd their being built chiefly with Brick. However, they much excel *Oxford* in Gardens and Walks. Laſtly, tho' the Schools, *&c.* don't come up to the publick Buildings of that Sort in *Oxford*, yet here is one Fabrick, *viz.* *King*'s College Chapel, that not only exceeds any Architecture there, but may challenge the Pre-eminence of any ſuch Building in *England*: But ſeveral Draughts of this, and the Colleges, Halls, Schools, *&c.* being engraven by *Loggan* on thirty four Copper-Plates, and publiſh'd in *Folio* about twenty

Years

Years ago, together with ſome ſmall Account of the Foundation of the Colleges and Halls, &c. I ſhall thither refer, and only give the Names of them, when founded, and for how many Fellows, which are as follows, *viz.*

I. *Peter-Houſe*, founded by *Hugh de Balſham*, Biſhop of *Ely*, *Anno* 1284, for fourteen Fellows, ſince augmented to twenty two.

II. *Clare-Hall*, founded *Anno* 1326, by *Richard Badew*, for eighteen Fellows.

III. *Pembroke-Hall*, founded *Anno* 1343, by *Mary de St. Paul*, Counteſs of *Pembroke*, for fifteen Fellows; tho' in ſome Accounts the Number is ſaid to be uncertain.

IV. *Bennet* College, founded *Anno* 1351, by *Henry* Duke of *Lancaſter*, which has twelve Fellows.

V. *Trinity-Hall*, founded *Anno* 1353, by *William Bateman*, Biſhop of *Norwich*, which has twelve Fellows.

VI. *Gonvile* and *Caius* College, founded *An.* 1348, by *Edmund de Gonvile*; and augmented *Anno* 1557 by *John Caius*, M. D. which has twenty ſix Fellows.

VII. *King*'s College, founded by K. *Henry* [6], *Anno* 1441, for ſeventy Fellows.

VIII. *Queen*'s College, founded by *Margaret*, the ſaid K. *Henry* the 6th's Queen, *Anno* 1448, which has nineteen Fellows.

IX. *Catherine-Hall*, founded by *Robert Woodlark*, *Anno* 1475, for ſix Fellows.

X. *Jeſus* College, founded by *Rob. Alcock*, Biſhop of *Ely*, *Anno* 1496, which has ſixteen Fellows.

XI. *Chriſt*

XI. *Christ* College, founded by *Margaret* Countess of *Richmond*, Mother to King *Henry* 7, *Anno* 1505, for thirteen Fellows.

XII. St. *John's* College, founded by the same Person, *Anno* 1508, which has fifty two Fellows.

XIII. *Magdalen* College, first call'd *Buckingham* College, founded by *Edward* Stafford Duke of *Buckingham*, *Anno* 1519, which has fifteen Fellows.

XIV. *Trinity* College, founded by King *Henry* 8, *Anno* 1546, for sixty Fellows.

XV. *Emanuel* College, founded *Anno* 158[illegible] by Sir *Walter Mildmay*, which has fourteen Fellows.

XVI. *Sidney* and *Sussex* College, founded by *Frances Sidney* Countess of *Sussex*, which has thirteen Fellows.

As to the Scholars, I omit the Number, because they are not altogether fix'd in above two or three Colleges; and the Account of the Professors being given in *Present States of* England, and Books frequently publish'd, 'twill be superfluous to add any thing farther here; so I hasten to give the Names of those Persons who have represented this famous University in Parliament since King *James* the 1st, by his *Diploma*, or Charter, dated 12 *Mart*, *Anno Regni* 1, & *A. D.* 1603, granted Power to the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the two Universities, to elect and return two Persons, in each, to represent them in Parliament. Which said Prince, moreover, by Act of Parliament

*Wood's Hist. Antiq. Univ. Oxon. p.* 443.

*Anno*

*Anno Regni* 3, veſted the ſaid Univerſities with the Right of Patronage, Diſpoſition, *&c.* of all Eccleſiaſtical Livings, Schools, Hoſpitals, *&c.* belonging to Papiſts, Recuſants, throughout *England* and *Wales*; upon a Diviſion of which, theſe twenty Counties, (being half the Shires in *England*) and alſo theſe ſeven in *Wales*, were allotted to the Share of *Cambridge*, the reſt being in like manner preſcrib'd to *Oxford*. *Keeble's Stat. p.* 1008.

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| *Bedfordſhire*, | *Leiceſterſhire*, | *Angleſey*, |
| *Cambridgſhire*, | *Lincolnſhire*, | *Caernarvonſhire*, |
| *Cheſhire*, | *Norfolk*, | *Denbighſhire*, |
| *Cumberland*, | *Northumberland* | *Flintſhire*, |
| *Derbyſhire*, | *Nottinghamſhire* | *Glamorganſhire*, |
| *Durham*, | *Rutlandſhire*, | *Merionethſhire*, |
| *Eſſex*, | *Shropſhire*, | *Radnorſhire*. |
| *Hertfordſhire*, | *Suffolk*, | |
| *Huntingdonſhire*, | *Weſtmerland*, | |
| *Lancaſhire*, | *Yorkſhire*, | |

The Return of the Members of Parliament for this Univerſity, (who are choſe by the Doctors and actual Maſters, being in Number about 200) is executed by the High Sheriff of the County of *Cambridge*, of the one Part, and the Vice-Chancellor, and others of the Univerſity, on the other Part.

## JAMES I.

1 P. *at* Weſt. . . . . Barnaby Gouche.
18 *at* Weſt. Miles Sands, Kt. . . . .
18 *at* Weſt. Rob. Naunton, *Secretary of State and Privy Counſellor*, Barnaby Gouch, L.L.D.
21 *at* Weſt. Rob. Naunton, Kt. Barnaby Gouch, L.L.D.

## CHARLES I.

1 P. *at* West. Rob. Naunton, Kt. Albert Moreton, Kt.
1 *at* West. John Cook, *Principal Secretary*, Tho. Eden, L. L. D.
3 *at* West. John Cook, *Principal Secretary*, Tho. Eden, L. L. D.
15 *at* West. Tho. Eden, L. L. D. Hen. Lucas, Esq;
16 *at* West. Tho. Eden, L. L. D. Hen. Lucas, Esq; *Nathaniel Bacon, Esq;*

## CHARLES II.

12 P. *at* West. *Gen.* Geo. Monke, Tho. Crouche, A. M.
13 *at* West. * Ric. Fanshaw, Bart. Tho. Crouche, A. M.
31 *at* West. Tho. Exton, Kt. James Vernon, Esq;
31 *at* West. Will. Temple, Bart. Tho. Exton, Kt.
32 *at* Oxford, Tho. Exton, Kt. Rob. Brady, M. D.

* *In his Place, deceas'd,* Cha. Wheeler, *Kt. and Bart.*

## JAMES II.

1 P. *at* West. Tho. Exton, Kt. L. L. D. *Advocate General.* Rob. Brady, M. D. *Regius.*

## WILLIAM and MARY.

1 P. *at* West. Rob. Sawyer, Kt. Isaac Newton, A. M. Math. Profess.
2 *at* West. † Rob. Sawyer, Kt. Edw. Finch, Esq;

† *In his Place, deceas'd,* Hen. Boyle *Esq;*

## WILLIAM III.

7 P. *at* West. Geo. Oxenden, L. L. D. *Hon.* Hen. Boyle, Esq;
10 *at* West. *Hon.* Hen. Boyle, Esq; Anth. Hammond, Esq;
12 *at* West. *Hon.* Hen. Boyle, Esq; Anth. Hammond, Esq;
13 *at* West. *Hon.* Hen. Boyle, Esq; Anth. Hammond, Esq;

## ANNE.

1 P. *at* West. *Hon.* Arthur Annesley, Esq; *Hon.* Hen. Boyle, Esq;
4 *at* West. *Hon.* Arthur Annesley, Esq; *Hon.* Dixie Windsor, Esq;

7 P.

7 P. at Weſt. *Hon.* Arthur Anneſley, Eſq; *Hon.* Dixie Windſor, Eſq;

9 at Weſt. *Hon.* Dixie Windſor, Eſq; Tho. Paſke, L. L. D.

12 at Weſt. *Hon.* Dixie Windſor, Eſq; Tho Paſke, L. L. D.

# TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE.

HAving before mention'd this Town to have ſprung from *Grantcheſter*, I ſhall here begin my Account from the Conqueſt, at which Time it ſeems to be well peopled, (tho' not long before it had been burnt by the *Danes*) it conſiſting, as *Doomſday-Book* tells us, of *ten Wards, and containing* 387 *Houſes, of which* 18 *were pull'd down to build the Caſtle*, as may be ſeen in the whole Survey of this Place, given at Length in *Stow*'s Chronicle, *p.* 131. and *Gale*'s Hiſt. *Ang. Scrip. Vol.* 2. *p.* 770.

*Camb. Brit. p.* 405.

But not long after, *viz.* in *William Rufus*'s Time, *Roger de Montgomery* deſtroy'd this *Town* with Fire and Sword, to be reveng'd of that Prince. However, theſe Damages were ſoon repair'd, upon King *Henry* the 1ſt's Acceſſion

*Fuller's Hiſt. of the Univerſ. of Camb. p.* 3.

ceſſion to the Crown, who, to heal theſe Breaches, *freed it from the Power of the Sheriff, making it a Corporation upon the Payment of* 101 *Marks yearly into the* Exchequer; *(which Sum the Sheriff paid before for his Profits out of the Town, when it was under his Juriſdiction)* and what ſeems to have been of moſt Conſequence, was, the fixing of the Ferry, which, no doubt, turn'd the Road hither; whereupon we may imagine it ſoon grew to be a Place of Trade, by the Reſort of the Jews, who *Ibid. p.* 4 are conjectur'd, in this Reign, to have built the round Church dedicate to St. *Sepulchres*. But what contributed the greateſt Advantage of all to this Town, was, the Scholars frequenting of it as an Univerſity; by which Means, it aroſe to that Eminence in King *John*'s Time, that the Burgeſſes were endow'd with the Privileges of Cities, as the Liberty of having *a* Guild-Hall, *and Tryal of all Cauſes within their own Juriſdiction, and that none ſhould be impleaded without the Borough, except in ſome Caſes relating to the King's Prerogative*; all which were confirm'd by *Hen.* 3, who granted *the Bailiff of* Cambridge *a common Gaol, and that the Merchants of the* Guild *ſhould be free from Toll in all Fairs in the King's Dominions*: Which King alſo farther provided for the Benefit of the Town, by ſtrengthening it with a deep Ditch, ſtill known by the Name of the *King's Ditch*; and in his Time it was, that the chief Magiſtrate occurrs, by the Title of Mayor; and in his Son and Succeſſors, *(viz. Edward* the 1ſt's Reign) we are told, *Grantbridge, from a School, was made an Univerſity,* *Ex. Lib. M. S. Cart. Collect. ex Archiv. in Turr. Lond.* *Fuller's Hiſt. Univ. Camb. p.* 9. *Ibid.* *Camb. Brit. p.* 406.

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*like* Oxford, *by the Court of* Rome. Since when, this Town is grown to that Extent, that it may compare with moſt in *England*, it being full as populous as *Oxford*, if not more, and containing the ſame Number of Churches as that City does, *viz.* 13; the Names of which are, as follows:

*All Saints, St. Andrew's, St. Bennet's, St. Botulph's, St. Clement's, St. Edward's, St. Giles's, Great St. Mary's,* (the Univerſity-Church) *Little St. Mary's, St. Michael's, St. Peter's, St. Sepulchres, Trinity-Church.*

But an Ichnography of this Town, with three different Proſpects of it, being given in *Loggan's* Draughts of the Univerſity of *Cambridge*, before ſpoken of; and alſo a Plate of the ſame being put before *Fuller's* Hiſtory of that Univerſity, (who alſo ſhews us the Ruins of a fourteenth Church, namely *Allhallows*, near the Caſtle) beſides a Draught of this Place being in *Speed's* Maps, I need not particularize farther of it; ſo I come now to enumerate thoſe noble Perſons, to whom this Town has given Titles of Honour: The firſt of whom, was *William de Meſchines*, in the Reign of King *Stephen* 2, Son to *Randulph* Earl of *Cheſter*, who, according to ſome Writers, was ſtil'd Earl of *Cambridge*, as appears by his ſubſcribing himſelf ſo, upon being Witneſs to a Deed, *Anno* 1139. After whom, *Anno* 1173, *Temp. Hen.* 2. King *Henry*, the Son, granting to *David*, Brother to *William* King of the *Scots*, the Honour of *Huntingdon*, for Augmentation thereto, added the County of *Cambridge* to that Earldom, which was probably held by his Son after him; upon whoſe

*Camb. Brit. p.* 412.

*Kennet's Paroch. Antiq. p.* 129.

whoſe Deceaſe, it continu'd in the Crown till King *Edw.* 3. After the Death of his Mother *Iſabel*, granted the Caſtle, Vill, and Fees of this Earldom to *William* Duke of *Juliers*; which Title he beſtow'd upon *John*, Earl of *Hainault*, his Wife's Uncle, two Years afterwards; but upon his revolting to the *French* King, he loſt it. Whereupon the ſaid King *Edw.* 3, *Anno Regni* 36, ſettled this Honour upon his 5th Son *Edmund* of *Langeley*, afterwards created Duke of *York*; whoſe Grandſon *Richard* Duke of *York*, Father to King *Edw.* 4, being beheaded at *Wakefeild*, *Dec.* 30, 1460, the Title was either loſt with him, or ſwallow'd up with greater, till King *James* 1, *Anno* 1619, conferr'd this Earldom upon *James*, Marquis of *Hamilton*, who was herein ſucceeded by his two Sons, *James* and *William*; but they leaving no Iſſue-Male, King *Charles* 2 conſtituted *Charles Stuart*, eldeſt Son of his Brother *James* Duke of *York*, Duke of *Cambridge*, as he did afterwards his three Brothers, *James*, *Edgar*, and *Charles*, who all dy'd young. Since when, *Anno* 1706, 5 *Anne*, the ſame Title of Duke was conferr'd on *George-Auguſt*, Prince Electoral of *Bruniſwick-Lunenburgh*, now Prince of *Wales*, only Son of his preſent Majeſty.

*Pat.* 14 *E.* 3. *n.* 20.

*York's Heraldry*, *p.* 99.

*Camb. Br.* *p.* 416.

The Town of *Cambridge* has been famous for ſome Parliaments held here, in *Ric.* 2, and *Hen.* the 6th's Reigns, and was by *Hen.* the 8th honour'd with the Title of a Suffragan Biſhop. As to the Manour of the ſaid Town, it was, as the Patents ſhew, the Fee of thoſe Earls of the Royal Family, and, no doubt,

is ſtill in the Crown, and from thence probably held by Leaſe or Charter by the Corporation, which conſiſts of a Mayor, 12 Aldermen, and other Officers, who are ſubordinate to the Univerſity; the Mayor, at the Entrance into his Office, taking an Oath before the Vice-Chancellor, to obſerve the Privileges, Liberties, and Cuſtoms of the ſame, as may be ſeen in *Fuller* before cited, who has given us a Catalogue of the Mayors from the Year 1500, to the Year 1643, and ſeveral Accounts of this Town; which being the Shire-Town of this County, and an ancient Borough, has, from the firſt Demand of Burgeſſes, ever ſent its Repreſentatives, who are return'd by Indenture between the High Sheriff on the one Part, and the Aldermen and Burgeſſes on the other. The Number of Electors being about two hundred.

## EDWARD I.

23 P. *at* Weſt. John Butt, Benedict Godeſone.
26 *at* York, John . . . Tho. de Maddingley.
28 *at* Linc. Tho. Maddingley, Roger Mercaunt.
30 *at* Lond. Michael Pilat, Tho. Maddingley.
33 *at* Weſt. Michael Pilar, Ralf de Maddingley.
34 *at* Weſt. Simon de Reffham, Will. de Comberon.
35 *at* Carliſle, John de Shelford, John Pawe.

## EDWARD II.

1 P. *at* Northton, John Morice, John Culling.
2 *at* Weſt. *Not legible.*
4 *at* Lond. Michael Pilat, John Culling.
5 *at* Lond. Michael Pilat, John Culling.
6 *at* Weſt. John de Newton, Will. de Saham.
6 *at* Weſt. Matthew de Orfeur, Roger Coſtefey.
7 *at* Weſt. Roger Coſtefey, Matthew Orfeur.

8 P.

8 P. *at* West. Robert Taillet, Roger Corteyseye.
13 *at* York, Will. de Leedworth, Will. Tayllett.
15 *at* York, Tho. de Cottenham, Geffry de Lenne.
16 *at* York, John Puttock, Geffry de Lenne.
19 *at* West. Philip Donford, John Pilat.
20 *at* West. John Moriz, Hen. de Toft.

## EDWARD III.

1 P. *at* West. Eudo de Helpringham, Will. de Lotteworth.
1 *at* York, Geffry de Lenne, Tho. Cottenham.
2 *at* New Sarum, Stephen Canter, John le Clerke.
2 *at* York, John Morris, John Newton.
4 *at* Winch. John de Newton, Tho. Andrew.
4 *at* West. John Pilat, Geffrey Lenne.
6 *at* West. Geffry Lenne, John Pilat.
7 *at* York, Edmund de Cantebrigge, John Lyngwode.
8 *at* York, Philip de Cayly, Will. de Saham.
9 *at* York, Geffry Lenne, Will. Saham.
10 *at* West. John Morris, Will. de Saham.
11 *at* York, John Morris, John Puttock.
11 *Council at* West. John Morys, John Prack, John Wyth.
12 P. *at* West. John de Brigham, John Puttock.
12 *at* York, Will. Pylat, Will. Lolleworth.
12 *at* Northton, John Puttock, Will. Lolleworth.
13 *at* West. Rob. Brigham, John Puttock.
14 *at* West. Tho. Cottenham, Geffry de Lenne.
14 *at* West. Philip Cally, Edmund de Onynton.
14 *at* West. Rob. Donnyng, Ric. Kimberle.
15 *at* West. John Puttock, Edm. Rokeland.
17 *at* West. Will. Lolleworth, John Puttock.
20 *at* West. Tho. Cottenham. Will. Lolleworth.
21 *at* West. Tho. Cottenham, Henry Pylat.
22 *at* West. John de Helton, Nic. Flemersham.
24 *at* West. *Torn.*
28 *at* West. Hen. Midelton, John de Horewode.
28 *at* West. Hen. Middleton, Will. Berewood.
29 *at* West. Hen. Middleton, John Baldock.
31 *at* West. Will. Fitz-Bartholomew, John Baldock.
34 *at* West. John Essex, John London *of* Cambridge.
34 *at* West. John de Essex, Will. Morris.
36 *at* West. Rich. Andrew, Tho. Cottenham.
37 *at* West. John London, Will. Horewood.
38 *at* West. John London, Andrew Cottenham.

39 P. *at* West. John London, Will. Horewood.
43 *at* West. John Morris, Edm. Leyceſtre.
45 *Council at* Winch. John Morys.
46 P. *at* West. John Morris, Edm. Leyceſtre.
47 *at* West. John Morris, John Blankpayne.
50 *at* West. John Morris, John Blankpayne.

## RICHARD II.

1 P. *at* West. John Blankpayne, Rob. de Brigham.
2 *at* West. John Morrice, John de Cotton.
2 *at* Glouc. John Gilbarn, John Cantebrigg.
3 *at* West. John Morice, *Sen.* Edm. Redmede.
4 *at* Northton, John Cotton.
6 *at* West. Ric. Maſterman, John Cotton.
7 *at* West. Ric. Maſterman, John Cotton.
7 *at* New Sarum, John Marcholl, Simon Glover.
8 *at* West. Ric. Maſterman, John Cotton.
9 *at* West. Ric. Maſterman, John Herris.
10 *at* West. Rob. Breham, John Herris.
11 *at* West. John Cotton, John Caump.
12 *at* Camb. John Blankepayn, John Mareſchall.
13 *at* West. Ric. Maſterman, Rob. Goderith.
15 *at* West. John Caump, John Payn.
18 *at* West. Rob. Briggeham, John Tippelowe.
20 *at* West. John Trippſlowe, Hugh Candſleſby.

## HENRY IV.

1 P. *at* West. Will. Sayl, Hugh Andleſby.
3 *at* West. Rob. Brygham, Tho. Trivet.
8 *at* Glouc. Simon Bentibowe, Tho. Beverles.
12 *at* West. John Buſhe, John Alderſhithe.

## HENRY V.

1 P. *at* West. Stephen Neel, Rob. Atlebrigg.
2 *at* West. John Greenlane, John Hechinton.
3 *at* West. John Bilne, John Sextayne.
5 *at* West. John Bilney, Rob. Atilbrigg.
7 *at* Glouc. John Knapton, John Bilney.
8 *at* West. Hen. Toppeclive, John Cappe,
9 *at* West. Will. Weggwode, Ric. Andrewe.

HENRY

## HENRY VI.

1 P. *at* West. Ric. Buske, Simon Rankin.
2 *at* West. Hen. Topcliffe, Ric. Andrew.
3 *at* West. Will. Weawood, John Ketche.
4 *at* Leic. John Bush, Stephen Barbour.
6 *at* West. Ric. Sextaine, Roger Faucoun.
8 *at* West. Will. Spencer, John Seamour.
9 *at* West. Will. Weggewood, John Knapton.
11 *at* West. Ric. Hunnyng, Will. Doore.
13 *at* West. Tho. Haucneche, Will. Dulby.
15 *at* Camb. Tho. Briggan, John Somen.
20 *at* West. John Batysforp, John Belton.
25 *at* Camb. John Sey, John Belton.
27 *at* West. Will. Tomays, John Croft.
28 *at* West. Ric. Wright, Will. Tame.
29 *at* West. John Coke, John Belton.
31 *at* Reading. *Not legible.*

## EDWARD IV.

7 P. *at* West. Tho. Essowell, Tho. Eweyne.
12 *at* West. John Croft, John Rogers.
17 *at* West. John Heswell, Nicolas Hilton.

## HENRY VIII.

33 P. *at* West. Tho. Elliot, ob. C . . . .

## EDWARD VI.

1 P. *at* West. . . . . Ric. Brakyn.
6 P. *at* West, Rob. Chapman, . . . Raye.

## MARY.

1 P. *at* West. James Fletcher, Ric. Brakyn.
1 *at* Oxford, John Rust, Ric. Braken.

## PHILIP & MARY.

1 & 2 P. *at* West, Rob. Chapman, Ric. B . . .

2 & 3 *at* West. Alex. Ruie, Laurence Hawes.
4 & 5 *at* West. John Lyne, Tho. Ventryſſe.

## ELIZABETH.

1 *P. at* West. . . . . .
5 *at* West. Hen. Serle, *Gen.* Roger Slegge, *Gent.*
13 *at* West, Rob. Shute, Eſq; Roger Slegge, *Gent.*
14 *at* West. Rob. Shute, Eſq; Roger Slegge, *Gent.*
27 *at* West. Hen. Northe, Eſq; Roger Slegge, *Gen.*
28 *at* West. John Edmonds, *Mayor*, Roger Slegge, *Alderman.*
31 *at* West. Nic. Grant, *Alderman*, Roger Slegge, *Alderman.*
35 *at* West. Tho. Godeſburghe, *Alderman*, Chriſtopher Hodſon, *Alderman.*
39 *at* West. Rob. Wallis, *Mayor*, John Yaxley,
43 *at* West. Rob. Wallis, *Gent.* John Yaxley, *Gent.*

## JAMES I.

1 *P. at* West. Rob. Wallis, John Yaxley.
12 *at* West. . . . . .
18 *at* West. Ric. Foſter, Eſq; Tho. Meawtys, Eſq;
21 *at* West. Fra. Brakyn, Eſq; Rob. Lukyn, *Gen.*

## CHARLES I.

1 *P. at* West. Tho. Meawtys, Eſq; Talbot Pepys, Eſq;
1 *at* West. Tho. Meawtys, Eſq; John Thompſon, Eſq;
3 *at* West, Tho. Meawtis, Eſq; Tho. Purchas, *Alderman.*
15 *at* West. Tho. Meawtis, Eſq; Oliver Cromwell, Eſq;
16 *at* West. Oliver Cromwell, Eſq; John Lowrey, Eſq;

## CHARLES II.

12 *P. at* West. Dudley North, *Knight of the* Bath, Tho. Willis, Bart.
13 *at* West. * Will. Compton, Kt. Roger Pepys, Eſq;
31 *at* West. Will. *Lord* Allington, Tho. Chichely, Kt.
31 *at* West. Will. *Lord* Allington, Tho. Chichely, Kt.
32 *at* Oxf. Will. *Lord* Allington, Tho. Chicheley, Kt.

* *In his Place, deceas'd,* Will. *Lord* Allington.

JAMES

## JAMES II.

1 P. *at* West. *Hon.* Tho. Chicheley, Kt. Will. Wren, Esq;

## WILLIAM *and* MARY.

1 P. *at* West. Tho. Chicheley, Kt. John Cotton, Esq;
2 *at* West. Tho. Cotton, Bart. Granado Pigott, Esq;

## WILLIAM III.

7 P. *at* West. * John Pepys, Esq; Isaac Watlington, Esq; * *In his*
10 *at* West. John Cotton, Bart. Hen. Pickering, Bart. *Place, de-*
12 *at* West. John Cotton, Bart. Hen. Pickering, Bart. *ceas'd,*
13 *at* West. John Cotton, Bart. Hen. Pickering, Bart. John Cotton, *Bart.*

## ANNE.

1 P. *at* West. Hen. Pickering, Bart. Anthony Thompson, Esq;
4 *at* West. John Cotton, Bart, Anthony Thompson, Esq;
7 *at* West. John Hind Cotton, Esq; Sam. Shepheard, Esq;
9 *at* West. John Hind Cotton, Esq; Sam. Shepheard, Esq;
12 *at* West. John Hind Cotton, Bart. Sam. Shepheard, *Jun.* Esq;

## COUNTY.

# COUNTY OF CHESTER.

*Camden's Brit. p. 553.*

THE ancient People of this County were the *Cornavii* of *Ptolomy*, during the Government of the *Romans*; (who had here their Towns or Cities *Deva Chester*, and *Condate Congleton*) after whose Departure, this, with other Counties, was included under the Diſtrict of the Kingdom of *Mercia*, in the Time of the *Saxon* Heptarchy; after which, there being appointed Earls of that Province, they are ſaid to have been inveſted with a certain Palatine-Juriſdiction within this County before the Conqueſt, tho' they were not properly ſtil'd Earls of *Cheſter*; which Power King *Will.* 1, *Anno* 1070, ſoon after the Impriſonment of *Gherbod*, to whom he gave this Earldom, *Anno* 1068, conferr'd on his Kinſman *Hugh Lupus*, Son to the Earl of *Awrenches* in

*King's Hiſt. of Cheſhire, p. 7.*

in *Normandy*; which ſaid Earl *Hugh* conſtituted ſeveral Barons ſubſtitute under him, *viz.* the Barons of *Haulton*, *Mounthalt*, *Malbank*, *Skidbroke*, *Malpas*, *Maſcey*, *Kinderton*, and *Stockport*, who acknowledg'd him as their ſuperior Lord, as the other Inhabitants did, who held of their Earl in chief, (and were under the like Sovereign Allegiance and Fealty to him, and his Succeſſors, as he and they were to the Kings of *England*) theſe Palatines being oblig'd to repair to their Earl's Court, where they had Determination of all Suits of Law, *&c.* to the End that they ſhould not be withdrawn thence. From this *Hugh*, this Title, and theſe Privileges, *&c.* deſcended in Blood and Kindred unto *John*, ſur-nam'd *Scot*, the eighth Earl hereof, Earl alſo of *Anguiſe*, *Galway*, and *Huntingdon*; who, in the Time of *Hen.* 3, dying without Iſſue, the ſaid King giving the next Co-Heirs other Lands in lieu thereof, ſeiz'd the ſame into his Hands, and created his Son Prince *Edward*, Earl of *Cheſter*; but notwithſtanding this, he conferr'd the ſame Title ſoon after upon *Simon Mountfort*; but upon his Attainder, it returning to the Crown, was thereto annex'd, and by King *Edw.* 3, who held it in his Father's Life-time, was, by Patent dated at *Pontefract* the 18th of *March*, *Anno Regni* 7, ſettled upon his eldeſt Son, ſur-nam'd the *Black Prince*; ſince when, all the ſucceeding Kings of *England*, when they created their Sons and Heirs apparent Princes of *Wales*, created them alſo Earls of *Cheſter*, to have and to hold to them and their Heirs, Kings of *England*, *&c.* as may be fully

*Doderidge's Hiſt. of the Principality of Wales, Earldom of Cheſter, &c. p.* 123, 124, &c.

*Ibid.*

*Ibid. Doderidge.*

fully ſeen in *King*'s *Vale-Royal* of *Cheſhire*, publiſh'd *Anno* 1568, and Sir *Peter Leiceſter*'s particular Remarks concerning *Cheſhire*, printed *Anno* 1673, wherein is given a Tranſcript at large of *Doomſday-Book*, including alſo great Part of *Lancaſhire*, which, at the making that Survey, is deſcrib'd under the Title of *Ceſtreſcire*: In both which Books, as well as in Dr. *Leigh*'s Natural Hiſtory of this County, (being *Folio's*) the Antiquities of this County having been induſtriouſly illuſtrated, it will be ſuperfluous to add more here, than to recount the Number of Pariſhes, which are reckon'd up 86, beſides 38 Chapels of Eaſe; of which 13 are Market-Towns; and that before the *Reformation*, here were ten Religious Houſes, ſome of whoſe Abbots, according to *King*, as thoſe of *Cheſter*, *Vale-Royal*, *Norton*, and *Cumbermere*, had Place as Spiritual Barons under the Earl Palatine.

*Bloome's Brit. p.* 53.

*Tanner's notitia Monaſtic.*

*King's Vale-Royal, p.* 130.

As to the Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction of this Country, it was anciently, on the firſt Diſtinction of Biſhopricks, ſubordinate to the Biſhops of *Mercia*, whoſe Succeſſors were frequently ſtil'd Biſhops of *Litchfeild*, *Coventry*, and *Cheſter*, from their Reſidence at any of thoſe Places; and ſo continu'd in this Manner diſtinguiſh'd till King *Henry* the 8th's Eſtabliſhment, *Anno* 1541; who, erecting the Monaſtery of St. *Werburgh* in *Cheſter* into an Epiſcopal See, appropriated the Arch-Deaconries of *Cheſter* and *Richmond* to be its Dioceſe; the former of which (containing the whole County of *Cheſter*, with the greateſt Part of *Lancaſhire*, and ſome few Pariſhes in

in *Wales)* was taken out of *Litchfeild* Dioceſe; and the latter, *viz. Richmond*, (compriſing the reſt of the County of *Lancaſter*, with about 100 Pariſhes in *Yorkſhire*, and great Part of *Cumberland* and *Weſtmerland)* was ſeparated from the Arch-Biſhoprick of *York*, to whoſe Juriſdiction this new erected See was ſome Time after the founding, made Provincial; for it was at firſt appointed to *Canterbury*.

And laſtly, as to Boroughs and Corporations, having premis'd, that *Altringham*, *Congleton*, *Macclesfeild*, and *Middlewich*, are now ſo diſtinguiſh'd; and that the three firſt are govern'd by Mayors, and the laſt by Burgeſſes; and that *Macclesfeild* was created a Borough, *Anno* 13 *Edw.* 3, I ſhall conclude all with the Act of Parliament made *Anno* 1541, 34 and 35 *Hen.* 8, the laſt Parliament of that King, which appoints, that from the End of this Seſſions there ſhall be two Knights for this County, and two Citizens to be Burgeſſes for the City of *Cheſter*; which was accordingly put in Execution in *Edw.* the 6th's Time, and has continu'd ſo ever ſince. The Names of which Knights, except in three or four Parliaments, where the Returns are imperfect, together with the ſaid Act, in Reſpect that it is omitted by the aforeſaid Authors, I ſhall here inſert at Length, as a Supplement to them.

*Pat.* 13. *Edw.* 3. *m.* 15. *in Turr. London.*

*An Act for making of Knights and Burgeſſes within the County and City of* Cheſter.

TO the King our Sovereign Lord, in moſt humble wiſe ſhewn unto your Excellent *Keeble's Stat. p.* 569.

'lent Majeſty, the Inhabitants of your 'Grace's County-Palatine of *Cheſter*, That 'where the ſaid County-Palatine of *Cheſter* 'is, and hath been always hitherto exempt, 'excluded, and ſeparated out and from your 'high Court of Parliament, to have any 'Knights and Burgeſſes within the ſaid Court: 'By Reaſon whereof, the ſaid Inhabitants 'have hitherto ſuſtain'd manifold Diſheriſons, 'Loſſes, and Damages, as well in their 'Lands, Goods, and Bodies, as in the good, 'civil, and politick Governance and Main-'tenance of the Commonwealth of the ſaid 'County. And foraſmuch as the ſaid Inha-'bitants have always hitherto been bound, 'by the Acts and Statutes made and ordain'd 'by your ſaid Highneſs, and your moſt no-'ble Progenitors, by Authority of the ſaid 'Court, as far forth as other Counties, Ci-'ties and Boroughs, have been, that have had 'their Knights and Burgeſſes within your 'ſaid Court of Parliament, and yet have had 'neither Knight nor Burgeſs there for the 'ſaid County-Palatine, the ſaid Inhabitants, 'for lack thereof, have been oftentimes 'touch'd and griev'd with Acts and Statutes 'made within the ſaid Court, as well dero-'gatory unto the moſt ancient Juriſdictions, 'Liberties, and Privileges of your ſaid Coun-'ty-Palatine, as prejudicial unto the Common-'wealth, Quietneſs, Reſt, and Peace of 'your Grace's moſt bounden Subjects inhabit-'ing within the ſame. For Remedy where-'of, it may pleaſe your ſaid Highneſs, that 'it be enacted, with the Aſſent of the Lords

'Spiritual

'Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, 'in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and 'by Authority of the ſame, That from the 'End of this preſent Seſſion, the ſaid County-'Palatine of *Cheſter* ſhall have two Knights 'for the ſaid County-Palatine, and likewiſe 'two Citizens to be Burgeſſes for the City of '*Cheſter*, to be elected and choſen by Proceſs, 'to be awarded by the Chancellor of *England* 'unto the Chamberlain of *Cheſter*, his Lieute-'nant, or Deputy, for the Time being; 'and ſo like Proceſs to be made by the Cham-'berlain, his Lieutenant, or Deputy, to the 'Sheriff of the ſaid County of *Cheſter*. And 'the ſame Election to be made under like 'Manner and Form, to all Intents, Con-'ſtructions, and Purpoſes, as is us'd within 'the County-Palatine of *Lancaſter*, or any 'other County and City within this Realm 'of *England*; which ſaid Knights and Bur-'geſſes, and every of them ſo elected and 'choſen, ſhall be return'd, by the ſaid She-'riff, into the *Chancery* of *England*, in due 'Form, and upon like Pains, as it is ordain'd 'that the Sheriff or Sheriffs of any other 'County within this Realm, ſhould make 'their Return in like Caſe: And which ſaid 'Knights and Burgeſſes, and every of them 'ſo elected and return'd, ſhall be Knights and 'Burgeſſes of the Court of Parliament; and 'have like Voice and Authority, to all In-'tents and Purpoſes, as any other the Knights 'and Burgeſſes of the ſaid Court of Parlia-'ment have, uſe, and enjoy: And in like-'wiſe, ſhall, and may, take all and every

'such like Liberties, Advantages, Dignities, 'Privileges, Wages, Fees, and Commodities, 'concerning this said Court of Parliament, to 'all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, as 'any other the Knights and Burgesses of the 'said Court shall, may, or ought to have, 'take, or enjoy.

## EDWARD VI.

1 P. *at* West. . . . . .
6 *at* West. Tho. Holcroft, Kt. Tho. Venables, Kt.

## MARY.

1 P. *at* West. Tho. Holcroft, Kt. Edw. Fytton, Esq;
1 *at* Oxford, Hen. Delves, Kt. Ric. Wilbraham, Esq;

## PHILIP & MARY.

1 & 2 P. *at* West. Ric. Cotton, Kt. Ric. Wilbraham, Esq;
2 & 3 *at* West. Laurence Smith, Ric. Wilbraham, Esq;
4 & 5 *at* West. Ric. Houghe, Esq; James Downe, Esq;

## ELIZABETH.

1 P. *at* West. Will. Brereton, Esq; Ralph Leycester, Esq;
5 *at* West. Tho. Venables, Kt. Will. Massye, Esq;
13 *at* West. Tho. Calveley, Esq; Tho. Stanley, Esq;
14 *at* West. Geo. Calveley, Kt. Will. Booth, Esq;
27 *at* West. Tho. Egerton, *Sol. Gen.* Hugh Cholmeley, Esq;
28 *at* West. Tho. Egerton, *Sol. Gen.* John Savage, Esq;
31 *at* West. George Beeston, Kt. John Savage, Esq;
35 *at* West. Tho. Holcroft, Esq; John Done, Esq;
39 *at* West. . . . . .
43 *at* West. Peter Leigh, Kt. Tho. Holcroft, Esq;

## JAMES I.

1 P. *at* West. Tho. Holcroft, Kt. . . . . Aslock, Kt.
12 *at* West. . . . . .
18 *at* West. . . . . .

21 P.

21 P. at West. Will. Booth, Esq; Will. Brereton. Esq;

## CHARLES I.

1 P. at West. Rob. Cholmondely, Bart. Ant. St. John, Kt.
1 at West. Ric. Grosvenor, Kt. & Bart. Pet. Daniel, Esq;
3 at West. Ric. Grosvenor, Kt. & Bart. Will. Brereton, Bart.
15 at West. Will. Brereton, Bart. Tho. Ashton, Bart.
16 at West. Will. Brereton, Bart. Pet. Venables, Esq; *George Boothe, Esq;*

## CHARLES II.

12 P. at West. Geo. Booth, Bart. Tho. Mainwaring, Esq;
12 at West. * Will. *Lord* Brereton, * Pet. Venables, Esq; ** *In their Places, deceas'd,* Foulk Lucy, *Kt.* Thomas Cholmondeley, *Esq;*
31 at West. Hen. Boothe, Esq; Philip Egerton, Kt.
31 at West. Hen. Booth, Esq; Rob. Cotton, Kt.
32 at Oxf. Hen. Boothe, Esq; Rob. Cotton, Kt. & Bart.

## JAMES II.

1 P. at West. Philip Egerton, Kt. Tho. Cholmondeley, *of* Vale-Royal, Esq;

## WILLIAM & MARY.

1 P. at West. Rob. Cotton, Kt. & Bart. John Mainwaring, Esq;
2 at West. John Mainwaring, Bart. Rob. Cotton, Kt. & Bart.

## WILLIAM III.

7 P. at West. John Mainwaring, Bart. Robert Cotton, Kt. & Bart.
10 at West. John Mainwaring, Bart. Robert Cotton, Kt. & Bart.
12 at West. John Mainwaring, Bart. Robert Cotton, Kt. & Bart.
13 at West. John Mainwaring, Bart. Robert Cotton, Kt. & Bart.

## ANNE.

## ANNE.

1 P. *at* West. Geo. Warburton, Bart. Rog. Mostyn, Bart.
4 *at* West. *Hon.* Langham Booth, Esq; John Crew Offley, Esq;
7 *at* West. *Hon.* Langham Booth, Esq; John Crew Offley, Esq;
9 *at* West. George Warburton, Bart. Charles Cholmondeley, Esq;
12 *at* West. George Warburton, Bart. Charles Cholmondeley, Esq;

## CITY

# CITY OF CHESTER.

THIS City, as well as County, of *Chester*, having been so much indebted to several of its Natives who have publish'd many Descriptions thereof, I shall only touch briefly upon some particular Heads, viz. That it is the Metropolis of this Palatinate, and is very remarkable for the many Antiquities here discover'd: And that it was eminent in the *Roman* Days, is unquestionable, by the numerous Spoils of their Grandeur and Magnificence found there, as the Tiles daily bring up confirm, on the Reverse of some of which is inscrib'd, COL. DIVANA LEG. XX. VICTRIX; which, with Vaults under ground, vast Foundations, Coins, Altars, &c. *Leigh's History of Lancashire and Chesh. p.* 18, 19, with *&c.*

with ſome Pavements of Chequer-Work, ſufficiently evidence of what Note this City was in the Time of that People, who, as the Derivation of the Name of *Cheſter* implies, had conſiderable Caſtles, or Camps of Soldiers, here, if we credit this old Verſe,

*Ceſtria de Caſtris nomen quaſi Caſtria ſumpſit.*

From which Tents, or Camps, ſome learned Authors derive likewiſe the Original of this Place; tho' others would have it to be of Note above a thouſand Years before Chriſt; and that two *Britiſh* Kings enlarg'd it, before the coming of the *Romans*, who fixing here their conquering Legion ſtil'd *Valens* and *Victrix*, it was therefrom call'd *Caerlegion*; and likewiſe from the Proximity of the River *Dee*, *Deva*, and *Devana Civitas*; and in later Ages *Legancheſter*, but in theſe Days *Weſt-Cheſter*, to diſtinguiſh it from *Rocheſter*, *Dorcheſter*, &c.

In the Time of the *Saxon* Heptarchy this City was demoliſh'd by *Egfrid* the *Northumbrian*, about the Year 678; and afterward by the *Danes*; but recover'd from them, and repair'd by *Ethelfleda*, Governeſs of the *Mercians*, in the Year 920, as the *Chronicon Saxonicum* informs us. About forty Years after which, it was famous for King *Edgar*'s noble Triumph here over the *Britiſh* Princes, who are ſaid, with *Kinadius* King of *Scotland*, *Malcolm* King of *Cumberland*, *Macon* King of *Man* and the Iſlands, to have row'd him in a Barge up the River *Dee*. This King *Edgar* founded

*Camden's Brit.* p. 558.

founded here a Convent of *Canons Secular*, in Place of an ancient Nunnery, deſtroy'd in the *Daniſh* Wars, dedicated to the Memory of St. *Werburga*, Daughter of *Wulpherus* King of *Mercia*, where now the Cathedral ſtands, fix'd here as aforeſaid by King *Hen.* 8, in the Abbey-Church of St. *Werburg*, who plac'd therein a Dean and ſix Prebends, in lieu of the Monks inſtituted by *Hugh* Earl of *Cheſter*, ſoon after the Time of the *Conqueſt*, *Anno* 1095; in which ſaid Earl *Hugh*'s Time, when the Cathedral was built, the Earls, who were then *Normans*, fortify'd the Town with a Wall and Caſtle; for, as *Doomſday-Book* tells us, *as the Biſhop held of the King that which belong'd to his Biſhoprick; ſo the Earls, with their Men, held of him likewiſe all the reſt of the City, which paid Geld for fifty Hides; and had four hundred thirty one Houſes geldable, and ſeven Mint-Maſters*, being made ſubject, as before ſpoken of, by the Conqueror, to his Nephew *Hugh Lupus*, who receiv'd this County Palatine, to be holden as freely by his Sword, as the King himſelf held *England* by his Crown. By Virtue of which Donation, as already obſerv'd, this Earl and his Succeſſors, had their great Officers under them, and receiv'd Fealty and Allegiance of the Inhabitants; who held of him as in Chief, and were bound by Determination of Cauſes within their Liberty, at their Courts-Palatine, kept within their Caſtle at *Cheſter*, where the Aſſizes, *&c.* were held twice a Year by the Earls-Juſtices, as may be ſeen at length in *King* and Sir *Peter Leiceſter*, who give us a particular Account of

*Tanner's Notitia Monaſtic.*

*Camden's Brit. p. 559.*

*Heylin's Help to Engliſh Hiſtory, p. 259.*

this Juriſdiction, with a Catalogue of the Chamberlains, Judges, Sheriffs, and Eſchaetors of *Cheſhire*; with a Liſt of the Mayors of the City, deduc'd from the Year 1242, 26 *Hen.* 3. with a brief Chronicle relating to the ſeveral Things done in *Cheſter*; and alſo the Names of the Recorders ſince the renewing the Charter of this City, *An.* 1506, 21 *Hen.* 7. when it was made a diſtinct Borough of it ſelf, and incorporated, to have a Mayor, Recorder, and twenty four Aldermen, with two Sheriffs, and forty of the Common Council, *&c.* But one of theſe Authors, *viz.* *King*, having furniſh'd us with divers Draughts, *viz.* one repreſenting the Manner of Earl *Hugh*'s ſitting in his Parliament, or Council, with his Barons and Abbots; and another curiouſly engrav'd by *Hollar*, containing a Proſpect and Platform of this City, with the Arms of its Earls, Barons, *&c.* and a third, of the Cathedral Church; which, by the Ichnography there given, ſeems to be in Length about 370 Feet, and in Breadth, within the Body and Iſles, about 80, and in the great Croſs-Iſle, from *North* to *South*, about 260 Feet) and alſo exhibited to us the Arms of the Gentry of this County, Proſpects of ſeveral Seats, with the Names of the Free-holders, Deſcription of the Towns, Churches, Chapels, *&c.* (eſpecially thoſe in this City, with the Monuments in the Cathedral, among which is deſcrib'd the Tomb of *Henry* 4. Emperor of *Germany*, who is ſaid to have retir'd from his Empire, and liv'd here an Hermitical Life) I ſhall not enlarge

large farther, but conclude with a ſhort Deſcription of this City, of which I ſhall only remark, that it is grac'd with ſtrong Walls, whoſe Compaſs are in Circuit two *Engliſh* Miles, adorn'd with ten fair Pariſh-Churches, *viz.* St. *Werburg*'s, (the Cathedral Church) in the South Iſle whereof is the Pariſh-Church of St. *Oſwald*, St. *Peter*'s, *Trinity*, St. *Martin*'s, St. *Mary*'s, St. *Olave*'s, *alias*, St. *Tooly*'s, St. *Michael*'s, St. *Bridget*'s, St. *John*'s *the Great*, St. *John*'s *the Leſs*; beautify'd with four ſtately Gates, beſides three Poſterns; fortify'd with a ſtrong Caſtle, and ſeveral Watch-Towers, and broad Battlements for the placing of Ordnance; and is enter'd into over the River *Dee*, by a very handſom Stone-Bridge, ſuſtain'd by ſeven Arches, having a Gate at each End; the chief of which, call'd *The Water-Tower*, ſupplies the Conduit-Pipes with freſh Water. And, that all along the principal Streets, are Galleries, or Rows, as they call them, in the Nature of Piazza's, having on both Sides Shops, under which a Man may walk free from Wet, tho' in the greateſt Shower. And as to other publick Buildings, the New Exchange, or Common-Hall, begun *Anno* 1595, and finiſh'd *Anno* 1699, which is 125 Feet in Length, and 42 in Breadth, and 85 Feet in Heighth, is a very noble Structure; as is the Shire-Hall, ſeated within the Caſtle, a goodly large Place, ſomewhat reſembling that of *Weſtminſter*, where all Matters of Law concerning the County-Palatine, (tho' it be now, and long hath been incorporated into the Patri-

*Bloom's Britannia, p.* 54.

*Ibid.*

mony-Regal) are heard and determin'd, here being appointed to that Purpoſe particular Officers, *viz.* a Chamberlain, a Juſtice for the *Common-Pleas* of the Crown, two Barons of the Exchequer, a Sheriff, and Eſchaetor, &c. In which Caſtle are alſo Apartments for the Juſtices, when they come to the Aſſizes and other Meetings eſtabliſh'd here, to the great Eaſe of the Country, in Expedition of their Buſineſs. To ſum up all, this City is well frequented, and inhabited by Gentry and Tradeſmen, on Account of its being the uſual Place of Paſſage to *Ireland*, with which it hath a very great Intercourſe, and drives a very conſiderable Trade; and is alſo to be noted for Printing of Books here, I having ſeen a large *Folio*, publiſh'd *Anno* 1688, printed at *Cheſter*; and for being one of the five Cities eſtabliſh'd for Minting, in the new Coining, *Anno* 1695.

As to the Manour, that it belong'd to the Earls, has already been ſhewn; and that it paſs'd from them to the Princes of *Wales*, in whom is ſtill veſted the Fee-Farm-Rents of this City, which they hold, with the Caſtle, and Profits of the Temporalties of the Biſhoprick of *Cheſter*; and the Free-men ſwear to be true to the King and the Earl of *Cheſter*.

The Return of Members of Parliament is made by the Sheriffs of the City; and the Right of Electing is in the Free-men of *Cheſter*, who, upon a Poll taken *Anno* 1690, were in Number upwards of 900.

EDWARD

## EDWARD VI.

1 P. at West. . . . . .
6 at West. Richard Sneyd, *Gent.* Ralf Mainwaring, *Alderman.*

## MARY.

1 P. at West. Richard Sneyd, *Gent. Recorder*, Thomas Massey, *Gent.*
1 at Oxford, Ric. Sneyd, Will. Aldersey.

## PHILIP & MARY.

1 & 2 P. at West. Ric. Sneyd, *Recorder*, Tho. Massey, Esq;
2 & 3 at West. . . . . .
4 & 5 at West. Laurence Smith, Kt. William Garrard, Esq;

## ELIZABETH.

1 P. at West. Tho. Venables, Kt. Will. Assechar, Kt.
5 at West. Will. Gerrard, Esq; John Yerworth, Esq;
13 at West. Will. Gerrard, Esq, Will. Glasier, Esq;
14 at West. Will. Gerrard, Esq; Will. Glasier, Esq;
27 at West. Ric. Birkheued, Esq; Ric. Barvand, *Alderm.*
28 at West. Ric. Birkheued, Esq; Peter Warburton, Esq;
31 at West. Ric Birkheued, Esq; Peter Warburton, Esq;
35 at West. Ric. Birkheued, Esq; Gilbert Gerrard, Esq;
39 at West. . . . . .
43 at West. Hugh Glasier, Esq; Tho. Gamull, Esq;

## JAMES I.

1 P. at West. Tho. Lawton, *Recorder*, Hugh Glasier, Esq;
12 at West. . . . . .
18 at West. . . . . .
21 at West. Edw. Whitley, Esq; *Recorder*, John Savage, Esq;

CHARLES

## CHARLES I.

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### In the PREFACE.

PAge 2. l. 13. for *as well*, read *as well as*. p. 8. after line 4. add, *but what sent Anno* 17 *Edw.* 4. p. 11. l. 12. after *this*, add *likewise*. p. 21. l. 5. after *sent*, add *the fish*. p. 32. before the Bor. Co. *Devon*, insert Co. *Derby*. *Bakewell*, *Chesterfeild*. p. 34. add *Yeovil* to the *Somerset* Bor. and *Mendlesham* to the *Suffolk*. p. 38. line last but one, before *collected*, put *for the most part*.

### In the BOOK.

Pag. 27. 1 *Edw.* 6, instead of *Tho. Nores*, *Gent. of the bed-chamber*, *Hen. Norris*, *Gent.* read *Hen. Norret*, *Gent. of the Bed-chamber*, *Tho. Denton of Besilslee*, *Esq*; p. 31. l. 27. f. *instirued*, r. *instituting*. p. 38. 1 Will. & Mar. to *Hen. Powle*, add *Esq*; p. 52. l. 30. *Dixey Windsor*, *Esq*; r. *Dixey Hickman*, *Esq*; p. 72 l. 27. after *nor*, add *agree*. l. 30. for *where*, r. *in which*. l. 31. for *which*, r. *and that*. p. 79. in the Margin put *Edm. West*, *Esq*; after *G. Fleetwood*, *Esq*; p. 82. l. 34. after *Humphrey*, add *he the said Humphrey*. p. 102. f. Aeglesburc, r. Aeglesburge. p. 157. l. 13. instead of *St. Sepulchres*, r. *to the Holy Sepulchre*. p. 163. P. 33 H. 8 at West. f. *ob.* r. *Rob.* or *Robert*.

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